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LUSITANIA CASE IS NEAR AMICABLE SETTLEMENT NOW

Latest Tentative Proposal from Germany Acceptable in Substance.

DAY OF DEVELOPMENTS

Now Up to Berlin to O. K. Minor Changes in Phraseology Made.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In substance the tentative communication from Germany designed to settle the Lusitania case is acceptable to the United States. High administrative officials tonight consider that this government in prevailing upon Germany to make the concessions and agreements as set forth in the document has achieved recognition of all the high principles for which it has contended in connection with submarine warfare.

While the substance of the proposed communication admittedly is satisfactory, minor changes to clarify the wording in connection with the formal document were suggested today to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, by Secretary Lansing. The desires of the United States in this connection were made known to the ambassador after President Wilson had discussed the subject with his cabinet. Count von Bernstorff immediately informed the Secretary that he saw no reason why the changes could not be made, but explained in effect that, as a precaution, he thought he would be justified in submitting the entire matter to his government for final approval. He did so in a dispatch sent to Berlin tonight, and within about six days the resulting formal communication is expected.

Secretary Lansing insists, it is stated by high authority, that it shall be stated specifically in the communication that it is an answer to the last American note. This and changes deemed necessary to clarify certain portions of the document, administration officials thought Count von Bernstorff himself would be able to make. The ambassador, however, decided not to change even the punctuation of the document, without the approval of his government. He had not deemed it necessary to include the statement that the communication was in answer to the American note, considering that the same end would be accomplished by submitting it in the form of a memorandum. Administration officials hold however, that to keep the record straight, if for no other reason, mention that the communication is a reply should be made.

The ambassador as yet does not know whether his government wants him to sign the formal note or whether it is desired to have the secretary of foreign affairs do so. This phase also has been submitted to Berlin.

No Change of Meaning.

Assurances were received in high diplomatic and official circles that the changes of wording suggested would not in any sense alter the meaning. No modifications, it was authoritatively stated, were suggested in connection with the phrase substituted for the word "illegal" which the German government was unwilling to use.

In Teutonic diplomatic circles, not the slightest difficulty over the proposed changes is anticipated. Apparently some of the changes consist merely of substituting one word for another, changing the position of one phrase of a sentence without changing even the words, and striking out words, which in their translation from German to English make the language unusual.

Day or Rapid Developments.

Developments came rapidly today. Secretary Lansing went to the White House an hour before the time set for the meeting of the cabinet to discuss with the President in detail the tentative communication and analyze the meaning of the words employed. When the cabinet met the proposal was submitted by the President.

Late this afternoon Count von Bernstorff who earlier in the day had requested an appointment, was called to the State Department by Secretary Lansing. The two remained closeted in the Secretary's office for more than half an hour. The Secretary outlined the wishes of the United States in detail. As the ambassador left the building, he said:

"Everything is substantially all right but it is not finished."

A high official of the adminstration made this announcement:

"A settlement of the Lusitania case is in sight, probably within the next few days. The United States has not increased its demands, it has not reduced them. You can draw your own conclusion as to the basis of the agreement. The wording proposed by Germany appears to cover the position of the United States. It is not fair to assume that there will have to be any further admissions or confessions from Berlin."

He added that the proposal was "substantially satisfactory."

Terms of the Agreement.

Germany agrees in the proposed communication that reprisals should not be directed at other than enemy subjects, expresses regret and assumes liability for the American lives lost in the Lusitania disaster, offers reparation in the form of indemnity, and declares that the submarine warfare in the zone around the British Isles has been modified out of regard for the long standing friendship for the United States and because American citizens have lost their lives.

The communication also calls attention to previous assurances that liners shall not be sunk without warning and without provision for the safety of

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ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

Heavy Fighting Has Broken Out Again in East Galicia.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

Artillery Duels Continue in Austro-Italian Theatre—Seemingly All is Quiet in Balkans—Great Offensive Not Begun.

Artillery actions between the French and British and the Germans continue at various points on the Franco-Belgian front, but there have been no important changes in positions anywhere. Nor have the Germans yet begun their great offensive for which they are reported unofficially to be preparing.

Heavy fighting has broken out again in East Galicia. All along the front the artillery has been very active. The Russians succeeded north of Tarnopol, fater repeated attacks, in penetrating the Austro-Hungarian advanced infantry posts, but were ejected from them later on, according to Vienna.

In the Austro-Italian theatre, the contending forces are still involved in artillery duels.

In the Balkans seemingly all is quiet. Austrian warships in the Adriatic have ineffectually attempted to torpedo a British cruiser and a French torpedo boat which were aiding the Serbian army in its evacuation of the Adriatic coast. A Teuton submarine also attempted to sink two Entente allied vessels off Durazzo, but the torpedoes missed their mark.

Owing to the advice of his physicians, King George, who is convalescing from the injuries sustained by him in France, will not re-open parliament in person next week. The session will be re-opened by a royal commission.

The Lusitania Case.

President Wilson and the members of his cabinet have gone over the latest proposal of Germany for a settlement of the American government's demands concerning the sinking of the Lusitania. While some alterations in the form of the agreement, which will require some alterations in the form of the agreement, which will require its reference to Berlin again, must be made, they are regarded as minor ones, and optimism still prevails that within a short time the controversy will be settled amicably.

"Everything is substantially all right but it is not finished," was the remark of Ambassador von Bernstorff, after a conference with Secretary of State Lansing on the situation.

GERMANS HAVE 80 ZEPPELINS.

According to Statement From Berne. New Types Described.

Berne, Switz., via Paris, Feb. 8.—Eighty Zeppelins are now in the German service, it appears from information developed at Friedrichshafen, where the Zeppelin works are located. One of the latest type that is having a trial trip this week is L.Z.-95, which is taken here to mean that it is 95th in the series dating from the beginning of the war, 15 having been lost, it is said.

The newest model seems considerably longer than previous types. It is of fish-like shape and gray tinted, by the means of aluminum powder, it is explained. The gondolas are of plat-

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SMALL CRITICIZED BY ADKINS AND MICHELL

Object to His "Interference" With House Committee.

Say He Appeared to be Counsel for the Shippers—Hearing Yesterday on Barge Pilotage Exemption Measure by Committee.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8. — Capt. J. J. Adkins, of Southport, and Capt. Ben. Michell, president of the American Pilots' Association, today protested against the passage of the Small bill, which would eliminate compulsory pilotage on barges in Southern states. Captain Michell told the committee that the passage of the Small bill would work a great hardship upon pilots and would be a serious handicap to navigation, and probably cause great loss of life by the absence of pilots who are familiar with local conditions.

Captain Michell and Captain Adkins objected to what they termed interference by Congressman Small with the committee. They declared it was the first time in thirty years' experience in Washington that they had witnessed a member of Congress not a member of the committee handling a measure, who had absolute charge of the committee. Captain Adkins said Mr. Small appeared to be general counsel for the shippers; that he prompted them, and seemed to be directing the move.

Attorney Oats, of Norfolk, representing the Southern Transportation Company, and other representatives of the shipping interests, were on hand today urging the passage of the bill.

London, Feb. 8.—The British steamer Argo has been sunk. One member of the crew was lost. The Argo, formerly the Moorhen, was a vessel of 1,720 tons and was owned by the Bristol Steam Navigation Company.

ENGINEER WRIGHT KILLED IN WRECK

Seaboard Florida Limited Derailed Near Vass, N. C.

NO PASSENG[illegible] HURT

Negro Fireman [illegible]m Broken; No Other Tra[illegible]ured—Engineer W[illegible]s Leader in [illegible]rhood.

Southern Pines, N. C., Feb. 8.—Engineer D. K. Wright, of Raleigh, was killed and his negro fireman suffered a broken arm when the Seaboard Air Line Railway's Florida Limited, northbound, was derailed three miles south of Vass, N. C., early today. None of the passengers was injured, although several were thrown from their berths when the accident occurred.

Railroad men said a loose wheel on the tender of the locomotive apparently was responsible for the wreck.

BURIAL AT FAYETTEVILLE

Body of Engineer Wright Found at His Post—Was Prominent.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—The remains of David K. Wright, engineer who lost his life in the wreck of the Seaboard Air Line Florida-New York Limited, near Southern Pines this morning, reached Raleigh late tonight and will be carried tomorrow morning to Fayetteville for interment at 12:30.

When found in the cab of his overturned locomotive, Wright's body was pinned close by the throttle where he had evidently held to his place while the derailed engine and train followed the cross ties ovor two hundred yards before the engine rolled down the embankment followed by a dining car, while a Pullman rolled down the opposite side of the embankment.

It was remarkable that Jessie Lowery, the negro fireman, escaped with only a broken arm and no other trainman or passenger was seriously injured. The wreck is attributed to a defective wheel on the tender.

Engineer Wright lived in Raleigh and has served for a number of years as chairman of the legislative committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in working for legislation at the sessions of the State Legislature.

All freight and passenger traffic was blocked until the late afternoon. A number of southbound trains have been detoured from Raleigh via Selma. A wreck train has gone to the scene of the wreck from Raleigh.

COTTON CARGO ON FIRE

Swedish Steamer Texas, From New Orleans, Making for Kirkwall.

London, Feb. 8.—With her cargo of cotton on fire the Swedish steamship Texas is making for the port of Kirkwall, Scotland. The vessel left New Orleans January 22 and Newport News January 27, bound for Gothenburg and Christiania.

London, Feb. 8.—The British government has issued a new order making it compulsory for all aliens throughout the United Kingdom, whether enemy or friendly, to register with the police. Heretofore friendly aliens were required to register only in prohibited areas.

APPROVE GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT FACTORY

Upon Manufacturers' Threat to Increase Prices.

Senator Tillman's Bill is Approved by Naval Committee Following Threat of the "Armor Barons" to Retaliate.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A bill for a government armor plate factory was approved by the Senate Naval committee today within a few minutes after manufacturers had served notice that should such a plant be established the price charged the government for armor made by private concerns would be increased nearly one-half.

An appropriation of $11,000,000 is carried by the bill for purchase or construction of a government factory with an annual output of not less than 20,000 tons. That is little more than would be required for two first class battleships, and would leave a large part of the armor needed in the navy's increased building programme to come from private plants.

The threat of the private manufacturers was communicated to the committee by Senator Penrose, who said the Bethlehem and Midvale companies were among those who had agreed to an increase of $200 a ton if the government factory proposal went through. The Navy Department now pays about $435.

Senator Tillman, chairman of the committee and author of the bill, told Mr. Penrose that "the threat of the armor barons" could not prevent passage of the measure. "I guess we can find a way to stop the robbers," he added, "in time of trouble we could seize their plants and operate them by right of eminent domain."

The proposal for a government plant has the backing of Secretary Daniels and Senator Tillman will press his bill for an early passage.

PRESIDENT KENLY MAKES STATEMENT

To The Conductors of Atlantic Coast Line

ABOUT CONTROVERSY

Relative to Introduction of White Audit System—Reviews History of Negotiations and States Position of the Road.

In a statement to the conductors of the road, made public yesterday, President J. R. Kenly, of the Atlantic Coast Line, outlines the position of the railroad company relative to the controversy that has arisen between the general adjustment committee of the O. R. C. and the Coast Line on the White Audit System. The statement by President Kenly was prepared after the general adjustment committee had advised the Coast Line that it proposed to submit the matter of further procedure by them to a vote of the conductors and deals at length with the negotiations between the road and the committee that have led up to the present situation.

President Kenly points out in the statement that for many years past the Atlantic Coast Line has checked and audited the accounts of all its employes, who were charged with the handling of the company's money, with the exception of the passenger conductors, and that this has been done not because of any doubt of honesty of any particular individual but as a business proposition.

After giving an account of the negotiations between the committee and the railroad during the last three weeks and explaining what the White Audit System is and how it is operated, President Kenly answers the objections made by the conductors, first and foremost of which is that of humiliation because it involves the inference that a conductor is suspected of dishonesty. After pointing out that it is a plain business proposition, President Kenly names as an important factor in the situation that the Interstate Commerce Commission requires the company to exhaust every means at its command to see to it that the proper amount is collected from every passenger and shipper, who uses its road.

Answering the objection made by the conductors that the White Audit System involved a check by other than employes of the company, President Kenly states that the accounts of the treasurer and other high officials of the road are checked by experts employed by an independent corporation. In conclusion the statement gives a list of questions from the chairman of the general adjustment committee and their answers by the road.

"It is believed that this statement of facts in connection with this matter will make it clear that the company has no desire or intention of imposing burdensome regulations upon its men," the statement concludes, "but that its only purpose is to apply to all employes who handle its funds the same business principle—of auditing and checking their accounts."

Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line claim that the conductors are protesting against having their accounts checked in any manner except as might be agreeable to them. The White Audit System, which has been in operation on the A. C. L. since January 15th, is in operation on a great many railroads in the country, a number in the South, it is stated, and has been in effect several years, and it is claimed that it offers a most efficient method of auditing accounts of conductors on trains.

Regarding the statement made that the train auditors took charge of the transportation on the train and performed other functions of the conductors, it is pointed out by Coast Line officials that this is a mistake as the train auditor under the system in vogue has nothing to do with the operation of the train or the collection of tickets. He merely checks the conductors' accounts, it is stated, and this is not done in the presence of passengers, but ordinarily in the baggage car, when the conductor has opportunity to have his accounts checked.

President Kenly's Statement.

The statement by President J. R. Kenly, of the Atlantic Coast Line, to the conductors of this road, is as follows:

"To the Conductors on the Atlantic Coast Line:

"Inasmuch as your committee has advised the company that it proposes to submit the controversy between the railroad and the committee on the White audit system, to a vote of the

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THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE:

Met at noon.

Senate Naval committee ordered favorable report on bill providing $11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant. Hills appropriating $600,000 for improving Mare Island and New York navy yards and increasing Naval Academy entrants were recommended for passage.

Public Lands committee continued hearing on oil land leasing bill.

Considered Nicaragua treaty in executive session.

Adjourned at 3:33 P. M. to noon Wednesday.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.

Debate on the Indian bill was resumed.

Military and Naval Affairs committees continued hearings on the National defense.

Passed Indian appropriation bill, carrying $10,175,000.

Chairman Moon, of the Postoffice committee, in his opening statement on the postoffice bill, charged that the railroads were maintaining a lobby to obtain increased rates for carrying mail.

Adjourned at 5:15 P. M. until noon Wednesday.

GERMAN CONSULAR OFFICERS IN TOILS

Prominent Figures Indicted by Federal Grand Jury.

TWO BOLDEST PLOTS

Indictments in San Francisco Follow Weeks of Investigation by Agents of Department of Justice. Turkish Consul Included.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Weeks of investigation by agents of the Department of Justice resulted today in the voting of indictments by a Federal grand jury in San Francisco against prominent figures in what are considered here to be two of the boldest plots involving questions of American neutrality that have been uncovered since the European war began.

Among those against whom indictments were voted, according to a message received here, are Franz Bopp, German consul general; Baron E. H. von Schack, vice consul of Germany, and Maurice Hall, the Turkish consul general.

Consular officers do not enjoy the diplomatic immunities which ambassadors, ministers and attaches are given by international law, but are subject to the jurisdiction of the country in which they are resident and may be treated by the law as are any other persons. The indictments voted today, however, are the first which the Federal government has attempted to secure against any foreign representatives. This fact was taken to mean that hereafter the administration intends to prosecute wherever prosecution will lie, any offender against American neutrality.

Bopp and von Schack are charged with complicity in the plot which was first uncovered several weeks ago with the arrest of C. C. Crowley, alleged to be a pro-German agent who had undertaken to cripple the American output of munitions of war and in other ways to help the cause of the Teutonic Allies. Bopp is accused of being the head of a conspiracy which hoped to accomplish this end by interfering with trade in munitions and preventing railway shipments by blowing up two tunnels on Canadian roads.

The German officials are being proceeded against under the Sherman Anti-Trust act in connection with their alleged activities against American plants and under a section of the penal code aimed at the setting on foot of military expeditions against a friendly nation in connection with plans to blow up Canadian railway tunnels.

NOT REPORTED YET

Thirty-Two Indictments Voted Charging Violations of Neutrality.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—News from Washington of the voted indictments of consular officials here of the German government anticipated by at least two days the prospect of a report from the Federal grand jury. Officials admitted that among those against who mindictments have been voted are included the following:

Franz Bopp, consul general for Germany; Baron F. H. Von Schack, vice consul general for Germany; Henry W. E. Kauffmann, chancellor of the German consulate; Maurice H. Hall, con-

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ALL IRISH PEOPLE IN AMERICA ARE CALLED

To Meet in National Convention in New York March 4.

"To Make Known to the World That Ireland Has Not Been and Cannot be Absorbed Into England." Call Signed by 500.

New York, Feb. 8.—A call for a national convention of "men and women of the Irish race in America," to "make known to the world that Ireland has not been and cannot be absorbed into England," was issued here today over the signatures of 500 men of Irish lineage, of prominence in different parts of the country. The convention is to be held in this city on March 4 and 5.

Among the signers are Victor Herbert, president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; Joseph McLaughlin, national president of Ancient Order of Hibernians; T. S. St. John Gaffney, former United States consul at Munich, and the Rev. John Cavanaugh, president of Notre Dame University.

The announcement declares that Ireland looks forward with hope and confidence to the "complete breakdown of British misrule as the certain outcome of the present war."

"England, with her allies," it declares, "in spite of her boasted supremacy in numbers, in wealth and in territory, has been defeated in every contest where skill and courage and strength have been the weapons, and has kept her cause afloat with the neutral world only because of the censorship and cable control through which her weapons of calumny and falsehood have been wielded with the dexterity and success which ripe experience and inherited tendency have given to her."

Among the subjects announced for discussion is "how best to act so that at the congress of the nations at the end of the war—the legitimate claims of Ireland to separation from England may receive the fullest measure of consideration and that after age-long sufferings she may again take her place among the nations of the world."

LAMENTS DEMANDS FOR HIGHER WAGES

Deprecates Tendency Toward Eight-Hour Working Day.

BY RAILROAD WORKMEN

Howard Elliott, of New Haven, Addresses National Chamber of Commerce. Several Addresses and Reports Heard Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 8. — Demands of railroad employees for higher wages and the general tendency toward the 8-hour work day were deprecated as checks upon the development of industry by Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, in a speech tonight before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He said such demands as those recently made by the four great organizations of railroad men were but steps in a process which if continued would raise the cost of living to new heights and finally result in conditions much wore to the disadvantage of labor than of capital.

Mr. Elliott's speech came at the close o fthe first day of the National Chamber's fourth annual convention, which is being attended by more than five hundred delegates from every state in the Union. John H. Fahey, of Boston, the president, addressed the opening session this morning, appealing to business men to do some constructive thinking and to become less partisan in dealing with great economic questions.

The day sessions were devoted largely to committee reports. Tonight there were speeches by men prominent in the business, official and professional life of the Nation. In addition to Mr. Elliott, the speakers included Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, who discussed vocational education, and Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, president of Dartmouth College, whose subject was Employment Managers.

Ship Purchase Bill.

A report from the merchant marine committee condemning certain features of the ship purchase bill, pending in Congress, started a lively discussion during the afternoon. William H. Douglas, chairman, asserted the committee's belief that it would be unwise to place two cabinet officers, as contemplated, on the proposed shipping board, and characterized the proposal to have the government spend $50,000,000 as inadequate.

"The President has heard the voice of the people on National preparedness," Mr. Douglas said, "and from a programme of two battleships a year, he now calls for the greatest navy in the world. If he were to go out and speak for a merchant marine, he would come back with a proposal not to spend $50,000,000 but $250,000,000."

President Wilson was commended for his proposal to establish a tariff board, by Daniel P. Morse, chairman of the committee considering a permanent tariff board. Commercial arbitration agreements between manufacturers in the United States and merchants in South America were advocated by a committee which recently negotiated an arbitration agreement of this character for Argentina merchants.

A resolution which would put the

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GETTING IN SHAPE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

Democratic National Sub-Committee at St. Louis

Members Believe President Wilson Will Be Nominated Without Opposition in June—Temporary Chairman Not Selected.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—That President Wilson would be re-nominated without opposition was the consensus of opinion of members of the sub-committee of the Democratic National Committee who met here today, to arrange details for the Democratic National convention.

The committeemen agreed in advance of the meeting not to select a temporary chairman today, and that task probably will not be taken up until May. Senator James A Reed, of Missouri, however, is being discussed as a possible choice, the committeemen thinking it would be fitting that the state in which the convention is held should furnish the temporary presiding officer.

The committee met shortly before noon in executive session and this afternoon inspected the coliseum, considering desirable alterations.

Robert Ewing, publisher of the New Orleans States, was appointed chairman of the press committee for the convention and James Preston, sergeant-at-arms of the press gallery of the United States Senate, was appointed vice chairman.

Chairman McCombs said to newspaper men today that President Wilson would be re-nominated and that no opposition to him had developed in any quarter.

The committee adopted a resolution to invite former National committeemen to attend convention as honor guests.

A number of sub-committees which

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CONGRESS MAKING PROGRESS ON BILLS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Blue Declares Navy Ready to Meet Any Probable Enemy in the Pacific.

STEPS TAKEN A SECRET

Senate and House Committees on Naval and Military Affairs Very Busy.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Congress made progress today on national preparedness measures. The Senate Military committee closed its hearings on the army bills. The Senate Naval committee reported favorably a bill for a government armor plate factory and recommended immediate passage of two emergency measures, which passed the House yesterday.

On the House side of the Capitol, the Naval committee virtually concluded its examination of Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, while the Military committee received the proposals of the American Red Cross for greater government aid in Red Cross preparedness plans.

During the day the military committees of both Houses heard delegations of pacifists who argued against any army or navy increases.

The most striking statement brought out at any of the hearings was that of Admiral Blue, who declared that the American navy was ready to meet any enemy it might be called upon to encounter in the Pacific. He declined to say what steps have been taken in the last year and a half toward preparing the navy against emergencies, holding these to be military secrets.

No Revelation of Secrets.

Chairman Padgett supported Admiral Blue in his determination not to reveal department secrets, overruling Representative Britten's attempt to find out, as he expressed it, "whether the navy is now ready to fight." Mr. Britten asserted that the general board had warned the department a year ago that it should prepare and he wanted to know just what steps had been taken.

The Senate Military committee probably will begin tomorrow the preparation of the bill which will propose to build up adequate land defenses. Present indications are that the administration plan to create a Federal volunteer army to be known as the Continentals will be included in this bill in some form. There will be provision for a reorganization of the regular army, and Chairman Chamberlain and several of his committee members will urge a permanent force with the colors of more than 200,000 men as against Secretary Garrison's recommendations for a skeleton organization of 140,000.

May Abandon Continental Army.

The House Military committee will complete its hearings probably next week. The Continental army scheme many committee members believe will be abandoned in the bill it will submit in favor of measures designed to federalize the national guard under militia pay provisions.

The Senate Naval committee is not expected to take up the appropriation bill dealing with the preparedness building programme until the House committee is well advanced with its work. It will be six weeks or two months, Chairman Padgett, of the House committee, has estimated, before hearings will close there. The building programme has not been dealt with directly, thus far the committee having confined its attention to items dealing with the equipment and upkeep of ships now in service, building and authorized.

Today's examination of Admiral Blue disclosed the source of the statements contained in Admiral Fletcher's last annual report that the Atlantic fleet was short 5,000 men of its proper complement. Various boards of fleet officers determined upon the number of men thought necessary for vessels of each type a year ago, Admiral Blue said, and these greatly increased the number for each ship. Admiral Fletcher based his statement on these figures, he added, and the shortage under authorized complements was less than 1,000, which had since been remedied.

Differences of Opinion.

Chairman Padgett announced that the whole subject of the proper number of men for any ship was a matter of so much difference of opinion among navy officers that Secretary Daniels had directed a board headed by Rear Admiral Mayo to standardize battle stations on all fighting craft as a means of getting an authoritative basis for estimates.

Representative Callaway brought out statements that, should the proposed five year building programme be approved, 28,000 additional men and 15,000 additional officers would be necessary within eight years. As it is now, Admiral Blue said, the navy will need 15,000 men by 1919 to man ships already authorized, and should have 15,000 reserves to provide against casualties. He thought the department's plans would produce that number of reserves in two or three years if approved by Congress through amendments to the Naval Reserve act. There are from 25,000 to 30,000 fully trained men now in civil life, he added, many of whom it is hoped to enlist in the reserve. Admiral Blue will be heard again tomorrow.

New York, Feb. 8. — It was announced tonight that the Philadelphia National club has purchased Second Baseman Dave Shean, of the Providence International League club.

PACIFISTS WOULD WARN COMMITTEES

Call for Arms Inspired by Munitions Manufacturers.

SAY ALARM IS FALSE ONE

Committee Representing Farmers Working People and Voting Women, They Claim, Appear Before Committee.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Pacifists who said they represented farmers, working people and voting women of the country, warned Senate and House Military committees against being stampeded into what they termed unwarranted appropriations for military preparedness.

An anti-preparedness committee, of which Miss Lillian D. Wald, of New York, is chairman, introduced itself to the committees as "an organization of American citizens formed to protest against a dangerous programme of military and naval expansion, to divert the public mind from these preparations for that world peace which it might be our country's privilege to initiate at the close of the war."

In addition to Miss Wald, opposition to war preparations was voiced by John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor; James F. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor; Mrs. Florence Kelly, Frank Dornblazer, a director of the Farmers' Union, and Sara Bard Field, of the California Woman's Voters' Association. A message also was read from Governor Capper, of Kansas, endorsing the plans of the committee, which include a public investigation of past appropriations, investigation of the sources of the present demand for an increase in military expenditures and the elimination of private profit from armament manufacture.

Spenks for Working Classes.

Mr. Maurer spoke, he explained, not for organized labor, but for the working classes, and charged that the present call for arms was inspired by those who were making immense profits selling ammunition and who at the close of the European war will want a large army and navy to enforce the collection of the money owed them by bankrupt nations.

"The working people will not consent to fight such a war," he said. "Instead of spending more money, I think Congress had better investigate the money already spent.

"The people have believed we are prepared. We were told we were the greatest power on earth. Less than two years ago we were told we could beat Germany and Mexico at the same time.

"Now suddenly, we are told our boats are old tubs, our army helpless. There were no rumors of war two years ago, when Germany and Austria were in the best condition of their history. If I felt now that those dying could thrash us, I would be ashamed to admit I was an American."

Mr. Dornblazer said 2,000,000 farmers were behind a resolution he presented demanding economy in the expenditure of funds, opposing an increase for an army or navy, approving a reasonable expenditure for coast guards and submarines and objecting to a large standing army or compulsory military service.

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ed steel. Each has six machine guns in its kuick fire battery and apparatus for throwing bombs and air torpedoes. It is reported that a new torpedo more powerful than any previously used, is about to be given a trial.

RUSSIANS ON AGGRESSIVE

Says Statement by Austro-Hungarian Headquarters.

Berlin, Feb. 8 (by Wireless to Sayville).—The Russians are again on the aggressive in Galicia, according to today's statement by Austro-Hungarian army headquarters transmitted here. It one attack on an Austro-Hungarian advance infantry position northwest of Tarnopol, the Russians temporarily succeeded in entering the point attacked, according to the statement, but were shortly afterwards ejected.

WANTS APPAM ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN AMERICAN PORT

Germany Contends Vessel is Entitled to Privilege Under Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Germany contends that the British liner Appam brought to Hampton Roads by a German prize crew is entitled under the terms of the Prussian-American treaty to remain in American waters indefinitely, and in support of her position Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today presented to Secretary Lansing a formal communication on behalf of the Berlin foreign office.

The United States practically has decided that the treaty guarantees the ship to the Germans as a prize as against her return to her British former owners, but it has not decided how long she shall be permitted to remain in American waters.

To accept the German contention would mean that the Appam would be permitted to remain until the end of the war. To compel her departure would mean sure capture by the allied cruisers outside the Virginia capes. There was no indication today of how soon a decision might be announced.

McLEAN SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

Lumberton Man Still Delirious; Condition Otherwise Good.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 8.—The physicians attending Mr. A. W. McLean stated at 9:30 tonight that his condition was slightly improved over yesterday. He still remains delirious, otherwise his condition is very good.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8. — Captain Shaw, of the British steamer Strathalbyn, which arrived Monday from Dakar, the same port from which the captured British liner Appam sailed on January 11, says he did not see any signs of the German raider Moewe on the voyage across the Atlantic.

LAMENTS DEMANDS FOR HIGHER WAGES

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Chamber on record as approving a policy of universal military training in the United States is under consideration. The resolution probably will be introduced Thursday after addresses by Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels.

President Wilson, who will speak at the dinner which will close the convention Thursday night, is expected to touch on the subject of national defense.

Elliott on 8-Hour Day.

In his address tonight, Mr. Elliott lamented the tendency toward the eight-hour day, in view of the great volume of work facing the country's industries, and declared the railroads should be relieved of the burden of serving 49 masters—the Federal government and the states.

"The Nation is confronted with more work than ever before, ships to build, factories to enlarge, railways to complete," he said. "About 30,000,000 men are at work. If they work 10 hours a day that is 93,600,000,000 hours a year. If they work eight hours, it is 74,880,000,000, a difference of 18,720,000,000 hours a year. At eight hours a day this would mean that about 7,400,000 more men must be employed to do the work that the 30,000,000 could do, and where are they to come from?"

REPORTS FROM ARKANSAS FLOOD DISTRICTS MORE OPTIMISTIC.

Conditions Improving and Danger is Passed in Places—Suffering.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 8.—With water falling in the big lake in southeastern Arkansas, caused by the breaking of Arkansas river levees, and with the Mississippi river levees still holding against the slowly rising stream, reports from the flooded districts of Arkansas tonight were more optimistic than for many days.

The Mississippi at Arkansas City at 7 o'clock tonight had reached a stage of 56.1 and still was rising. It is believed the levees will hold 57.5 feet. Gangs of men working in relays continued to toil, strengthening the levees.

Suffering is reported from all pa of the flooded district and much live stock is reported dieing from starvation. Mail service by boat was established between Arkansas City and McGehee today.

DETERMINED FIGHT AGAINST RATIFYING NICARAGUAN TREATY.

Conducted by Republicans and One Democratic Senator Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Republican senators, aided by Senator Clark, Democrat, of Arkansas, began a determined fight in an executive session of the Senate late today against ratification of the pending treaty with Nicaragua. For three hours Senators Borah, Smith, of Michigan, and Clarke argued against the treaty, and urged passage of a motion by Senator Borah that discussion of the treaty and also of the proposed Colombian treaty, which is to follow, be held in the open Senate.

No vote was reached on the motion but the Senate agreed to resume the debate at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The treaty proposes payment of $3,000,000 to Nicaragua for a canal route option and naval bases in Fonseca bay.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT WANTS THE CONSTITUTION AMENDED

House of Commons Passes Address to the British Parliament.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—The Canadian house of commons passed an address to the British parliament asking that the British North America act, which is the constitution of Canada, be amended to extend the term of present dominion parliament for one year.

In proposing the resolution Premier Borden said it was evident the Canadian people were opposed to a general election during the war but unless the term of parliament were extended as he proposed an election would be necessary this year. While it was certain the Germans eventually would be beaten, he declared, no one could predict just when the war would end. From all the information he had been able to obtain, the premier said, he did not believe "we are more than half way through at the present time."

NO DEFINITE ACTION TAKEN AS TO NATIONAL EXAMINERS.

Congress on Medical Education and Health Adjourns at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—The annual Congress on Medical Education and Health closed here tonight without definite action by the delegates on the important question of a national board of medical examiners. The question, it was said, will be a feature of next year's meeting.

The medical department of the University of South Carolina was today recommended for membership in the Association of American Medical Colleges in a report submitted at the meeting by the executive council. Similar recommendations were made regarding the medical department of Marquette University, Milwaukee, and Fordham University Medical School, Fordham, N. Y.

INTEREST WILL SAVE HOMES.

Of Members of Hatters' Union Against Whom Judgment Lies.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 8.—Accumulated interest of $30,000 on the attached saving bank deposits of the 180 defendants in the famous Danbury Hatters' boycott litigation belongs to the defendants, according to a decision today by Judge E. S. Thomas, of the United States district court. The plaintiffs, D. E. Loewe & Company, had claimed they were entitled to all the interest that had accrued since the attachments were made 13 years ago.

This sum, it is said in union circles here, will practically complete the amount needed to save the Hatters' homes from being auctioned off to satisfy the judgment of $252,130 awarded D. E. Loewe & Company by the United States Supreme Court.

BELIEVES GERMANY HAS LOST 2,700,000 MEN IN 18 MONTHS

British Military Expert Compiles a Lengthy Statement.

London, Feb. 9. — The Times military expert today devotes nearly three columns to an estimate of the German losses during the war. With due allowance for many considerations which tend to make such estimates to a considerable extent guesswork, the correspondent believes that during the 18 months of the war Germany has lost about 2,700,000 men.

Constantinople, Feb. 8, via London, Feb. 9.—A counter attack on the caucasus front last Sunday, which followed an unsuccessful assault by the Russians, resulted in 300 casualties for the enemy and the capture of a number of prisoners, according to an official statement by the Turkish war office.

LUSITANIA CASE NEAR AMICABLE SETTLEMENT NOW

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non-combatants and that the instructions given to submarine commanders in this respect have been made so stringent that there can be no recurrence of such incidents.

GERMAN CONSULAR OFFICERS IN TOILS

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sult general for Turkey; Fred Jebson, former owner of the steamer Mazatlan; Johannes H. Von Koolbergen, alleged agent of the German consulate; Dr. Simon Beimer, said to be a German navy officer, and Frederick Williams thought to be a fictitious name.

There were in all 32 indictments voted charging violations of neutrality. Five of these, having to do with bomb plotting, include the names of Bopp and Von Schack, it is understood.

SIX MEN KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.

All Victims of Foreign Birth, Several With Large Families.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 8.—Seven workmen were killed and two injured by a gas explosion in the Ross vein of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth late today. All the victims were of foreign birth and several of them left large families. It is believed that some of the men were killed by black damp which followed the explosion. The gas is believed to have been ignited by the naked lamp of one of the miners. The blast badly damaged the inside workings of the mine and rescue work was slow and tedious.

About 100 men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. They were hurled in all directions, several of the dead and injured being found along the gangway. Those who escaped the blast rushed to the foot of the shaft only to find that wreckage had made it impossible to hoist or lower the carriages.

ROAD TO SHALLOTTE

President of Waccamaw Lumber Co. Will Investigate Soon.

Mr. Franklin P. White, of Shallotte, writes The Star that he has made another trip to see the president of the Waccamaw Land and Lumber Company regarding the extension of the railroad from Makatoka to Shallotte and has received assurance that the matter will be taken up at the earliest possible moment. Mr. White has been assured also that the president of the lumber company will visit Shallotte and go into the proposition in detail.

Mr. White states in his letter that he recently visited Wananish where a large wagon plant is nearing completion. The plant will manufacture wheels for wagons, the hubs of which will be manufactured by the Council Tool Company. This hub will be known as White's improved Metal hub. This is the largest plant of its kind in the State, Mr. White states.

KING NOT TO OFFICIATE.

British Parliament to be Opened by a Royal Commission.

London, Feb. 8.—Why parliament is to be opened next Tuesday by a royal commission instead of the King in person is explained in the following official statement issued tonight:

"His Majesty is quite prepared to carry on the practice which obtained throughout his and the preceding reign, but has yielded to the opinion of his medical advisers that he should not at this stage of convalescence after his severe accident venture to undertake the ceremony."

FORD PEACE MEN RETURNING

Several Leaders of Party in Europe Sail for New York.

Rotterdam, (via London), Feb. 9.—Gaston Plantiff, financial manager of the Ford Peace Expedition; Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver; Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, and Governor L. B. Hanna, sailed for New York today on the Nieuw Amsterdam. Mr. Plantiff expects to confer with Henry Ford in New York regarding the future plans of the permanent peace board.

MEXICANS DISCONTENTED

All Classes Uneasy Because of Monetary Situation, is Report.

Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 8.—All classes of Mexicans are becoming discontented because of the monetary condition in Mexico, according to information received here today from Hermosillo, Sonora. The army of the defacto government has become dissatisfied because it was forced to accept its pay in Carranza currency, these advices added.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 8. — Mayor E. M. Capps, of this city, today issued a statement regarding conditions resulting from the recent floods in this section, in which he said: "Reports of flood damage to San Diego and San Diego county have been exaggerated. The number of lives lost will not exceed twenty."

Paris, Feb. 8.—Rene Besnard, undersecretary of state for aviation and aeronautics, has resigned.

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It's pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right on the "tender spot" and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia.

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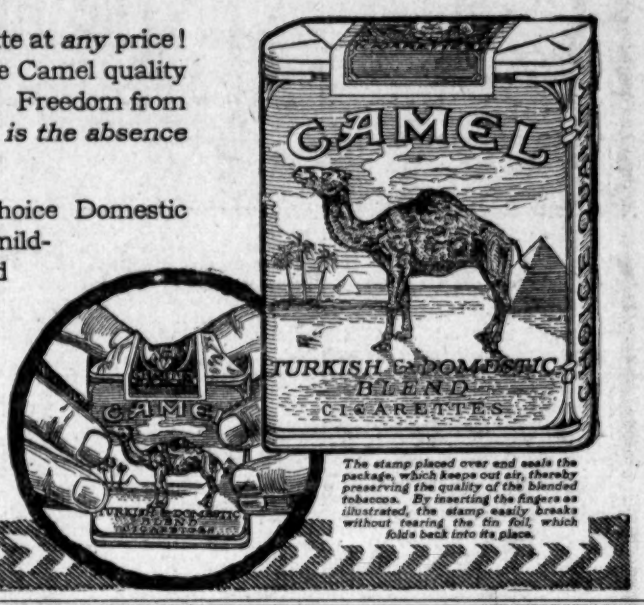

The stamp placed over and seals the package, which keeps out air, thereby preserving the quality of the blended tobaccos. By inserting the fingers as illustrated, the stamp easily breaks without tearing the tin foil, which folds back into its place.

SPORTS

WILLARD TO MEET MORAN IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

Ten-Round Bout to be Pulled Off March 8th—Purse $70,000.

New York, Feb. 8.—Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran will meet in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden here on March 8 for a purse of $70,000, it was announced tonight by Tex Rickard, promoter of the match.

The date originally agreed upon was March 17, but it was changed because Madison Square Garden had been previously engaged for that date. Rickard said tonight that the directors of the Garden had agreed to accept $7,500 for its use, with no percentages.

While a tentative agreement already had been signed for the bout between Tom Jones, manager for Willard, and Ike Dorgan, representing Moran, Rickard announced that Jones and Dorgan would meet again tomorrow to sign the final articles.

The purse, which is the second largest ever offered for a match, stands as originally agreed upon at $60,000 with a $10,000 bonus, Willard's share will be $47,500, and Moran's $22,500.

Seats will be constructed, according to Rickard, to accommodate 13,000 persons. Prices will range from $50 for boxes near the ringside, to $3 for rear seats. It is estimated this will mean that the promoters will receive an average of probably $9 a seat, provided the Garden is filled to capacity. Sporting experts tonight estimated that the total receipts would have to be in the neighborhood of $120,000 to return a profit.

TRINITY TEAM ON TOUR

Basketball Quint Leaves to Play Five Games, Two With Colleges.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, Durham, Feb. 8.—The Trinity basketball team, composed of Anderson, Ferrell, and Richardson, forwards; Bunting and Matton, centers; Captain Martin, Lilly, and Patton, guards; Manager Secrest, and Coach Doak, left this morning on the annual Northern trip. Five games will be played—three with college teams and two with strong independent quints.

The Cardinal Athletic club will be played this evening in Lynchburg; tomorrow evening Washington and Lee will be played in Lexington; V. M. I. will be played in Lexington on Thursday evening; the University of Virginia will be played in Charlottesville on Friday eevning ;and the last game will be with the Richmond Howitzers in Richmond on Saturday evening.

TENER'S POWER INCREASED.

In Case of Protested Games, There Can be No Appeal from Him.

New York, Feb. 8.—The most important action taken at the opening session of the National League's re-convened annual meeting here today was to increase the power of President John K. Tener by a constitutional amendment which provides that in the case of protested games there shall be no appeal from the executive's decision.

Another radical measure proposed by President Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, would prohibit any club from having more than 2,000 25-cent bleacher seats. At present the Boston club has 10,000 such seats, the St. Louis club 9,000; the Philadelphia club 6,500, and the Cincinnati club 4,000. The question will come up tomorrow.

Among the umpires appointed for next season was Peter A. Harrison, who came from the International League.

CAROLINA LOSES TO VIRGINIA.

In Basketball Game Played in Richmond—Score 30 to 24.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 8.—The Virginia basketball quint defeated North Carolina on the Howitzer Court here last night by the score of 30 to 24. The first half ended a tie, 15 to 15. Carolina outplayed Virginia in the first half, and outclassed Virginia throughout the game, but lost because of fouls. Strickland's work featured for Virginia, and Tandy was the Carolina star. He was put out of the game in the last four minutes of play because of personal fouls, and was replaced by Scrugg.

No Name Signed.

A wrestling fan, who does not sign his name, asks the sporting editor of The Star several questions in regard to wrestling matches held here recently. If the author of the communication will furnish the paper his name as a guarantee of good faith, the communication will be printed, and the sporting editor will endeavor to answer the questions. No newspaper recognizes unsigned communications.

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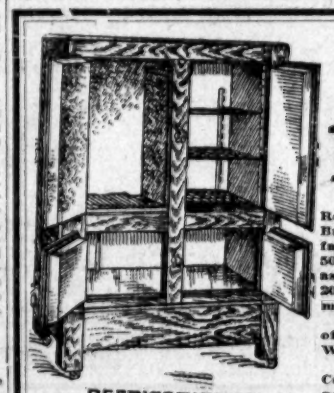

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$22.50 Suits $18.50	$15.00 Suits $11.50

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The Entire $50,000 Stock of C. W. Polvogt Co.

Consisting of High Grade Merchandise, Dry Goods, Staples, Ladies' Ready to Wear Apparel, Millinery, Carpets, Matting, Rugs, Draperies, Trunks, Suit Cases, Etc., at the Mercy of the People for Ten Days Only, Without Reserve, from Thursday, Feb. 10th, Through Monday, Feb. 21st.

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To Every Lady who purchases $10.00 or more at our store next Thursday, February 10th, we will present FREE a Beautiful 8-Yard Dress Gingham Pattern.

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Goods from America's foremost factories offered at prices that will "Keep People Coming In and Goods Going Out." Your living presence will be your golden opportunity.

NECESSITY KNOWS NO LAW

The time has come! We are absolutely compelled by conditions to dispose of our entire Fall and Spring Stock, to make room for the reception of other goods that will soon begin to arrive. Therefore, this Great Sale is Made Necessary.

You never saw such prices as these before; you never will again. Everything advertised will be found on sale, and is backed by our long and honorable career in business. The hour is set and fixed. There will be no postponement! Rain or shine, the Great Sale will begin as advertised.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This sale is to impress you with our progressiveness and aggressiveness, and is one way we have of showing our appreciation of the patronage already bountifully bestowed upon us. Its effect will be lasting. Those who attend will be enrolled among our patrons in the future. The world's largest and most progressive merchants decree that a surplus of stock is ruinous to a thriving, living and progressive business. We follow the successful, not the laggard; hence this sale. This crash in prices, this benefit to the people of Wilmington and vicinity.

But, ambitioned by our past success, we are not only going to maintain our prosperity here, but are going to expand our endeavors to broader field and larger patronage. In the graces of our reputation, we hope for your favor now.

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12½c	69c (limit, 10 yards.)	79c (limit, 10 yards.)	69c (limit, 10 yards.)	75c (limit, 10 yards.)	25c (limit, four.)	$7.48	$10.00 Values from $16.50 to $40.00, to select from.

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SAY PROSPERITY WAVE HASN'T REACHED THEM

Coal Operators Say They Can Not Increase Miners' Pay.

Demands of United Mine Workers of Central Bituminous Fields Presented, But No Advance is Promised.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 8.—Operators from the Central bituminous coal fields, embracing Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, told the mine workers in joint wage conference here today that the mine owners are not sharing in the wave of prosperity now prevailing and for that reason they could not see their way clear to grant the increase in wages asked by the men nor accede to the other demands of the United Mine Workers of America.

Instead of making any concessions whatever, the operators offered to renew the wage scales now in effect in the four states when they expired on March 31. The mine workers, in presenting the 11 demands formulated by the Indianapolis convention of the Union, asserted that the bituminous mining industry was in an exceptionally prosperous condition and that the coal diggers were justified in asking for a wage increase and for the betterment of working conditions.

John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, presented the demands of the men after the joint conference had been organized by the election of Hugh Shirkie, an operator from Terre Haute, Ind., as chairman, and William Green, representing the miners, as secretary. Mr. White declared that the prosperity throughout the country was general and said that business conditions were such that railroads have been compelled to relieve freight congestion at different points by placing embargoes on the shipment of certain commodities.

The operators admitted there was increased prosperity in some lines of business where European war orders are being filled, but said if it were not for the fact that railroads and big industries were storing up coal as a precautionary measure in the event of interruption in the production of fuel, the output of coal would be below normal.

The offer of the mine owners to renew the present wage agreement will be formally rejected by the miners and the demands made by the organized men will be voted down by the operators. These steps are mere formalities. Discussion will be continued on the various demands and in the end sub-committees probably will be appointed to take up the questions at issue.

The joint conference will meet daily behind closed doors from 9 A. M. until 1 P. M.

WILL INVESTIGATE REPORT AS TO CONDUCT OF MAJ. LANGHORNE.

Said to Have Brought Communications to Germans in America.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Commenting on London dispatches referring to communications said to have been brought to German officials in the United States by Major George T. Langhorne, former American military attache at Berlin, Secretary Garrison today said the case would be looked into carefully and if the major brought papers to agents of the German government in this country that should not have reached them through the hands of an army officer, the incident would be made the subject of a court martial. Until an investigation was made and the facts in the case officially established, the Secretary added, there was nothing to be done or said.

SEABOARD AWARDS CONTRACT.

For Grading for the New Shops at Hamlet—Seven Large Buildings.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Hamlet, N. C., Feb. 8.—The Seaboard Air Line railway has awarded the contract for the grading for the new shops at Hamlet to the Vaughan Construction Company and work will begin this week. Yorke & Cobb, of Raleigh, have the contract for seven large buildings, work to begin as soon as possible.

FOUND SOLDIERS' HOME IN "GOOD" CONDITION

Governor Craig Issues Statement as to Affairs There.

Comrade Small, Trouble-Maker, is Dismissed from Home in Interest of Peace—Mrs. Little on the Board of Directors.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—In a statement issued this evening, Governor Craig said that he and Mrs. Price, Dr. W. S. Rankin and Col. W. P. Wood visited the Soldiers' home last Friday and found the place in good condition, it being considered that, in view of the imperfections of the plant and the equipment, the age and dispositions and enfeebled health of many inmates, the home was certainly in reasonably satisfactory condition.

He said this fact was discussed in the conference yesterday. All expressed confidence in Colonel Boyden and those associated with him in the management and pledged their support to the management.

The Governor's statement explained that Colonel Boyden told of continual disturbances and dissatisfaction stirred by Comrade Small and of the necessity of dismissing him from the home and all agreed that this should be done, the peace and good order and protection of the old soldiers demanding his dismissal.

The Governor explained that it was at the request of Colonel Boyden as president of the board that he agreed to appoint the president of the North Carolina division, Daughters of the Confederacy, as a member of the board of directors, Mrs. Eugene Little, of Wadesboro, being president at this time.

Rule as to Appeals Amended.

The North Carolina Supreme Court gives notice that Rule 52, governing petitions to rehear appeals, is amended so that petitions must be filed within 40 days after the opinion is filed; no communication with the court or any justice of the court in regard to the petition will be permitted under any circumstances, but must be had in writing with the court through the clerk; no oral statement, argument or other presentation of the case to the court or any judge by either party will be allowed, unless, on special request, the court shall so order. The rule as amended is to be strictly enforced on and after July 1, 1916.

Upchurch Held Blameless.

Judge Harris, in the city court, decided today that Joseph B. Upchurch was blameless as driver of the automobile that killed Miss Clara Mae Wishart, of Charlotte, two weeks ago on Glenwood avenue while the lady was learning to ride a bicycle and lost control of her machine.

The damage suit of Conductor Tilgham vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway for $50,000 damages was given to the jury this afternoon and the jury was still out late tonight. Capt. Tilgham was injured in the Granite-Granby wreck two years ago. A former trial gave him a verdict for $7,000 but the case went to the United States Supreme Court and was remanded for new trial.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Life in the trenches is healthier for the French soldiers now than in barracks during peace times as shown by the official figures issued today by the army medical department. The cases of measles, scarletina, mumps, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal meningitis were more numerous in the army during the year 1911 than in 1915.

"PREMATURE OLD AGE."

Says Dr. Arnold Lorand, of the Carlsbad Baths, Austria, "is due to our own negligence," and to avoid such a fate he recommends a light diet, proper bathing, eight hours sleep, and "don't worry."

For run-down, weakened conditions, our local druggist, Robert R. Bellamy, has a wonderful non-secret preparation composed of the three oldest tonics known, iron for the blood, the medicinal, body-building properties of cod livers and the nourishing properties of beef peptone, all combined in Vinol which he guarantees to build up and strengthen weak and feeble old people, and for all rundown conditions.

Brandeis Hearing In "Open" Session

UNPRECEDENTED COURSE TO BE PURSUED BY SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO NOMINEE

Washington, Feb. 8.—Consideration of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, to the Supreme Court of the United States to succeed the late Justice Lamar, will begin tomorrow at an open session of a Judiciary sub-committee of the Senate.

Within the memory of present senators such a nomination never has been inquired into except behind closed doors. Members of the Judiciary sub-committee, however, deemed it advisable, in view of the public interest demonstrated in Mr. Brandeis' nomination, to hold the hearings in public with the consent of the Senate. Thus far there has been no protest.

Protestants against the appointment of Mr. Brandeis are to beard first, but a flood of petitions from individuals and organizations urging his confirmation will be considered later.

Witnesses who have been summoned to appear in connection with protests filed include Clifford T. Horne railroad commissioner of Iowa, who wishes to be heard with regard to Mr. Brandeis' conduct of the railroad five per cent. rate case; S. W. Winslow, president of the United Shoe Machinery Company, with which Mr. Brandeis was once affiliated as counsel; F. J. Lennox and James J. Starrow, of Boston; C. W. Barron, of the Boston News Bureau; Thomas C. Spelling of New York; Joseph M. Teal, of Portland, Oregon, and Lieut. Governor John M. Eishleman of California.

Detroit, Feb. 8.—Jos. Kruszewski, 43 years old, was mysteriously shot and killed while alone in his private bank, on West Jefferson avenue, this afternoon. A customer found Krusseksli lying on the floor behind the counter. He died shortly afterward without making a statement.

POLICEMAN ADDS TO STATEMENT

Concerning Correspondence From Fayetteville as to Controversy.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 8.—If you use the article sent you yesterday with regard to the Cape Fear News—Linotype Operator controversy, in which I enclosed statement from Policeman Quick, please add the following to Quick's statement:

"Since making above statement, I have learned that there is a man employed on the Cape Fear News (whose name I don't know), who is about the same size of Moore and resembles Moore. This man has been pointed out to me and the man referred to as 'Moore' in the above statement may have been this man and not Moore. Anyway, it was one of them, and I was sure at the time it was Moore and I so told the correspondent of the Greensboro News before he wrote his article.

(Signed) "J. C. QUICK."

Witness:

"W. H. Flowers."

The only thing Moore claimed in his paper Sunday to be a mis-statement by me was that he was in the red light district with the policeman, and in justice to Mr. Quick this ought to be added to his statement. It still shows source of my information and that no mis-statement was made by me. This additional statement would have been sent sooner, but I was only requested late last night to send it.

Yours truly,
A. M. MYROVER.

Sherman, Texas, Feb. 8.—Rev. Mr. Cagle, who was shot here yesterday by Mrs. Annie Faust, wife of a farmer, died late today without regaining consciousness. Mrs. Faust was arrested at the time of the shooting, but later was released under bond. She charged that the minister had "clandered" her.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant Secretary of the Navy, has been compelled to cancel engagements to deliver a series of speeches in the South because of illness. He is confined to his room with an attack of grippe.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

What every man is in the eyes of God, that he is, and no more.

—ST. FRANCIS

Seems as if Tommy Rottenness is getting a slim show.

"Beauty is but skin deep," but isn't that deep enough for the guys to lose their heads.

Our idea of a narrow minded cuss is one who hopes he will get a chance to point out the mistakes of other men.

Secretary Daniels has luck occasionally. The K-5 got through on its run, and the Secretary's critics didn't have a word to say.

What has become of the old-fashioned gentleman who thought we were to get all the world's trade while it was engaged in fighting?

Yes, they are actually making merry over a girl's punctured romance. However, lots of romances ought to be punctured before they go too far.

The government has failed to convict the Banana Trust." Doubtless the government slipped up because the Banana Trust knew how to prepare the pavement for its chasers.

A great clamor arose among the people after they had listened to the prophets. It furnished them something new about which to dispute. Follow the prophets. Don't dispute with the bushleaguers.

The proceedings in Congress on Monday seem to indicate that the anti-preparedness Democrats and Republicans remained in the cyclone cellar. They even refused an opportunity to go on record. Possibly they see a new light.

Jacksonville Times-Union advises: "Never tell a lie when the truth will answer." Yes, but "they" will keep on prevaricating under the idea that the truth might not be accepted as a satisfactory answer. Some of them are actually afraid to tell the truth.

President Wilson told the crowd that his mind "runs on a single track." That is the reason that the colonels and a few others do not like that idea. He is on the right track and they are in danger of being run over and flattened out.

We are accustomed to regard cotton as a money crop that we forget that there are other money crops. In the food raising, meat producing states farm values and land values are far in excess of such values in the cotton states. What are their money crops?

The Europeans call Colonel House "the sphinx with the soft hat." The colonel went to Europe to listen to the talk of others. He won't talk till he gets home and his audience will be the President. He didn't go over to talk to Europeans. He went to talk only to Americans representing the American government in Europe.

"America," declared President Wilson in one of his Western speeches, "cannot be an ostrich with its head in the sand." It requires a great deal of argument, however, among a class of Americans who think an ostrich has a right to believe he is doing the best he can to fool a giddy crowd of pursuers.

Commissioner Jackson, of the Pennsylvania department of labor and industry, has issued an ultimatum to the bakers of the state. "Bread must be clean," he demands. Since there is nothing compulsory about such an ultimatum, it is only a reminder to the bakers that they ought to run sanitary shops and have a sanitary system of delivery. A baker who makes absolutely clean bread ought to go around among the dealers and note how they treat clean bread. They might have to shoo the flies off it when a customer calls for bread. Haven't you seen it happen?

ELLER FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The Winston-Salem Journal foresees the nomination of Attorney General Thomas W. Bickett by the Democrats as their candidate for governor and thereupon advocates the nomination of the Hon. A. H. Eller, of the Winston-Salem bar, for attorney general. The Winston-Salem paper strongly emphasizes its reasons why it suggests Mr. Eller for attorney general and says, in part, concerning the Winston-Salem man:

"Unless all signs prove false, the man who is now Attorney General will be the next Governor of North Carolina. This makes it necessary for the Democrats of the State to find a man to fill the responsible position which Mr. Bickett has held with great honor to himself, his party and his State for the last eight years. When it comes to the selection of this man Democracy cannot afford to go backward. He should be a man who can fill Bickett's shoes. And those who are acquainted with the present Attorney General know that such a man cannot be found just anywhere. They also know that such a man is not out begging the people to elect him to office. Bickett didn't seek the office. But the office sought him. And if the office wants another man of the Bickett calibre it must go out and get him. Therefore, The Journal names Hon. A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem as the next Attorney General of North Carolina. And in proposing him for the place we know that we are naming one who can bring to the office the same fine ability, aggressiveness and courage which were brought to it eight years ago. We say it without fear of contradiction that there is not a man in the State better equipped than Mr. Eller for this responsible position. But this point needs not to be argued before the people of North Carolina, all of whom have had opportunity to know the manner of man A. H. Eller is. The point we do wish to make here, however, is that at this time Mr. Eller is the logical candidate for Attorney General. By the long established and altogether sensible rule of rotation from East to West in the selection of candidates for the various State offices, the Attorney Generalship, having resided for eight years in the East, should come to this end of the State this year. But he is the logical candidate not only from this point of view. There is yet another. We submit that Mr. Eller is in line for any honor which his party may see fit to bestow upon him. During two of the hardest campaigns the Democratic party has ever been called on to wage, it was A. H. Eller, who as State chairman, led the militant forces of Democracy to decisive victory. In the campaign of 1908, when we were still in the shadow of the passing whiskey peril, when the least slip in the management of the party's fight for victory might have meant ruin, in that crucial transition period of the State's history, Mr. Eller led us to a glorious victory by his masterful ability to organize and to meet successfully the arguments of all opponents. Then again in 1910, when 'Butler, bonds and booze' were abroad in the land, it was A. H. Eller who succeeded in burying the issues, upon which the Republicans at that time tried to capture the State, so deep that they will never again be resurrected."

We understand that Mr. Eller is not seeking the office, and we don't know who all are doing so will do so, but all North Carolinians who know Mr. Eller recognize in him as true all that The Journal says about him. Mr. Eller is a strong Democrat in two senses of the word. He is strong on Democratic principles and he is strong in ability. He is also a militant Democrat and during many campaigns has been in the thick of the fight for his party and his State. He is grounded in the bone as to party principles and no man in the State believes more firmly that the future welfare of North Carolina lies in lasting Democratic supremacy.

When Mr. Eller goes into a fight all those who have been in it on the other side surely know it. We have noted his vigor and resourcefulness as "campaign manager," and he has always put it over on the side that he was not with, even in a friendly contest. As State chairman he has also triumphed through his skill and keenness as a political fighter and campaign manager. His preparedness is fine. He is a cracker-jack campaigner himself and when he goes out on the stump there is something doing.

Mr. Eller is a splendidly equipped lawyer, and, of course, if he is not going to back away from his friends who are urging him for attorney general, he surely will be a formidable man in the nominating primary.

We would say this about every other equally strong Democrat in the State. It is not intended to be so personal in this instance as that it is a matter of State-wide interest that the party has men of his calibre for places of public trust.

SAVANNAH'S COMMERCIAL ASPIRATIONS.

Referring to the new list of directors and officers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, the Savannah News points with pride and gratification to the fact that two Savannah men and a former Savannahian are among the number. Mr. George J. Baldwin is the new president of this great line; Mr. Gordon C. Carson is second vice president, and Mr. Frank B. Anderson is a director. The steamship line has great plans for increasing the foreign trade of the United States and naturally Savannah is immediately interested in its plans to carry commerce out of that port.

In addition to the Pacific Mail Company, Savannah is the home port of the Walker-Armstrong Company. Savannah has made an intelligent study of her commercial opportunities because of the growth of trade with Latin America and the Pacific, and she has not only talked of opportunities but has gone to work on the line of steamship preparedness. It is a healthy sign for the South Atlantic's commercial interests that Savannah has taken her importance as a port seriously.

A Republican orator has gone and said: "The Republican party has always been faithful to its trust." He mentioned only one, but all the other trusts can vouch for the fact that the Republican party is true to every one of its trusts.

THE WORK AT CAPE LOOKOUT.

The New Bern Sun states that the contractors in charge of the government work on the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout are pushing their operations with rapidity. The Norfolk Southern railroad is doing a big business in the transportation of material for this work. Between 25 and 30 carloads of rock daily pass through New Bern en route to Cape Lookout, where the breakwater is under construction. When the weather gets more propitious it is said that the Cape Lookout development will assume large proportions.

Says the Allentown Democrat: "Out West a man went insane because he couldn't go to war." A pacifist is liable to believe that a man's desire to go to war is only evidence of the original chaotic condition of an abnormal mind encompassed in an immature bean. A volcano erupts at the point of least resistance to pent up fury, and so a cracked brain has no way of resisting an ooze peculiar to the individual.

BABY WEEK IN N. CAROLINA

State Board of Health Prepares Special Programme.

It is the opinion of the State Board of Health that every town and organized community in North Carolina can take some part in the general or nation-wide Baby Week campaign. The week that has been set apart by the National Children's Bureau for this purpose is March 4-11; however, towns and communities may observe the week at any subsequent time more convenient during the spring. The advantage of observing Baby Week in the spring is to prepare against a high infant death rate during the summer months, as all educational work done during Baby Week will be fresh in the minds of the mothers and helpful in keeping the baby well during the summer.

A bulletin issued by the State Board of Health suggests local Baby Conferences as the most practical means of observing Baby Week in North Carolina. It says that by bringing the people of a community together, especially the mothers, every afternoon for a week to discuss and hear discussed the best means of raising healthful babies would be bound to result in better babies and a lower baby death rate for any community.

As the work of Baby week is primarily educational the bulletin suggests that some woman's organization, as the woman's club, civic league, church society or a combination of societies take the work in charge, and that the local newspapers be asked to co-operate and give the movement as much publicity as possible. It suggests further that the conferences be addressed by physicians, nurses and baby specialists, also that the pastors and church workers be asked to co-operate.

The following programme has been suggested by the State Board of Health as suitable and practicable for the observance of Baby Week in North Carolina:

Saturday: What the community owes the baby—Clean milk, pure water, fresh air and screened homes. Mayor or citizen of town.

Sunday: The church's responsibility to citizens of tomorrow. Pastor or superintendent of Sunday school.

Monday: Baby diseases—Causes and prevention. Local physician.

Tuesday: How to bathe, clothe and feed the baby. Nurse or baby specialist.

Wednesday: Artificial foods and the bottle-fed baby. Local physician.

Thursday: Care of baby before birth. Physician or nurse.

Friday: Food for the growing child. Physician or baby specialist.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Wilmington Star says: "Preparedness, of course, is inevitable and therefore we never did see any use of opposing something that is going to be done in spite of us." Nobody objects to preparedness, but some of us remember the fact that the nearest powerful nation is three thousand miles from the United States.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The North Carolina Republicans are early in the field with convention dates and the indications for an aggressive campaign are not to be mistaken. The Democrat who thinks the fight is not going to be one that will interest the party is likely to find himself badly mistaken. This is to be a warm year in North Carolina politics.—Charlotte Observer.

Mrs. Pollie Simpson, who lives just across Lynche's river in Lancaster county, was in town a few hours Tuesday morning. Mrs. Simpson says she will be 107 years old the 12th of next August. She is the widow of Peter Simpson, who was killed in battle at Kinston, N. C., during the Civil War. Mrs. Simpson wishes to hear from anyone who may know any of the facts in regard to her husband's death in the war. She is in poor circumstances, and is making an effort to secure a pension, which is justly due her. Says she can thread a needle as well as she ever could, and picked 100 pounds of cotton a day last fall. She is now selling broomstraw in an effort to stay out of the poor house.—Columbia State.

Another effort to solve the mystery of the killing of A. D. Oliver, the famous "banker of Climax," failed yesterday when a jury at Leesburg returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Claude Chance, who was charged with the murder. The outlook is now that the courts never will establish the guilt of his slayers and another will be added to the long list of unpunished crimes in Georgia. If nobody ever is punished for it the effect will be to increase the lack of respect for the law which forbids the taking of human life. It already is too difficult to discover and punish slayers in Georgia, and when the courts fail to find and punish the guilty in so prominent a case as that at Leesburg it is only to be expected that men who may be tempted to appeal to the shotgun and pistol instead of to the courts to settle disputes and quarrels with their fellows will find it easier to yield to the temptation.—Savannah News.

The Observer has contended that the Keatingites have apparently gone on the assumption that North Carolina has no child labor or compulsory education laws of any kind. The fact is that the State is fairly well equipped with both. The laws obtaining in North Carolina may not be quite so satisfactory as the laws in some other states, but on the other hand they are infinitely better than the laws provided by still others. As a matter of fact, the North Carolina laws compare favorably with the laws governing Mr. Keating's state of Colorado. Women of 16 years can work in the coal mines of Colorado. Night work is prohibited in that state by children under 14 between the hours of 8 P. M. and 7 A. M. In North Carolina night work is prohibited between the hours of 9 P. M. and 6 A. M., by all under 16 years of age. In Colorado the age limit is from 14 to 16. A birth certificate is required and the duty of enforcing the law devolves on the Deputy State Labor Commissioner, school board or local school authorities. For the first offense the minimum penalty is $5 and maximum $100. For second offense the minimum is $100 or imprisonment or both; maximum $500 or imprisonment for 90 days or both. In North Carolina no child under 12 can be employed. The age certificate must be signed by parent or guardian and must set forth that the child has attended public school for four months during the preceding 12 months. The enforcement of the law devolves on the county superintendent of public schools, who must investigate violations and report them to the solicitor of the judicial district in which they occurred. The certificates "must be accessible to any inspector of factories or other officer charged with the enforcement of this act." The mill man found guilty of this law does not have the benefit of a minimum fine. The penalty is fixed at not less than a fine of $500 or imprisonment for not less than 90 days for a second conviction. This was by the amended law passed in the Legislature of 1914. Any violation is a misdemeanor. A comparison of the compulsory education laws of the two states is also interesting. In Colorado all children from 8 to 14 years, not physically and mentally disabled, are required to attend public school the entire school year. The duty of enforcing the law is vested in the State Bureau of Labor Statistics. In North Carolina all children between 8 and 12 years, barring special exceptions, must attend four months of the school term in each year. Those who would escape on the score of physical or mental disability must have a certificate from a legally qualified physician before a court. A child living two and a half miles from the nearest school house may not be forced to attend. On affidavit of parents, witnessed under the requirements of attendance officers, that the support of the child or of the parents depends on his labor the child may escape compulsion. The law covers every county in North Carolina except Mitchell and Polk, but it does not affect or repeal any existing local laws requiring compulsory school attendance. So much of a compulsory education law as the State is provided with was at the insistence of the cotton mill owners. But for their efforts it is doubtful if the State would today have had any sort of a compulsory law at all.—Charlotte Observer.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 8.—The death yesterday at Poland Springs, Me., of Mrs. E. C. Wheeler, for 15 years one of the leading women golfers in this country, was announced today. Mrs. Wheeler, formerly Miss Mary B. Adams, had participated in nearly every national championship since 1901 being several times a semi-finalist and in 1906 a runner-up for the national title. She won the Women's Eastern championship in 1907.

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R. R. Bellamy & Co.

BOUGHT BY PETERSBURG MAN.

Plant of Russell Shook & Lumber Co., at Wilson is Sold.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 8.—E. H. Matthews, of Petersburg, purchased the plant and good will of the Russell Shook & Lumber Company at the assigne's sale Monday—bidding $25,000 for the plant. The sale was for the purpose of closing up the tangled affairs of the company. Mr. Matthews would not give out anything of the proposed plans for the operation of the plant which is practically new, having been erected after the fall of 1914. It was stated, however, by others who are closely identified with the business that the plant would begin operation within a short time.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Representative Cary, of Wisconsin, today introduced a resolution for transfer of the United States capital to Milwaukee. He said he did it because of pending legislation which might make the District of Columbia dry. Prohibition, he said, was "a menace to society and good government."

A NOVEL INTRODUCTION.

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The Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. drug store, by which a special introductory offer will be made of 25 cents on the 50 cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constiaption and dyspepsia.

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Health Talks

BY WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

The Question Of Surgery For Goitre

WE REGRET to say that goitre operations in some cities have degenerated into a veritable fad.

If we had an exophthalmic goitre we would not accept as final the opinion of an operating surgeon as to the advisability of surgical treatment. We should desire the opinion of our attending physician, after he had observed the progress of the case at least a few weeks and preferably at least six months under medical and general treatment. In fact the family doctor's advice would take first place, the surgeon's second place in our decision.

There seems to be an impression among a certain group of surgeons that endemic or exophthalmic goitre won't get well unless a portion of the diseased thyroid gland is extirpated. If this were correct, the surgeon's decision to operate would be entirely justifiable. But it happens to be incorrect. Fully one-third of the cases of exophthalmic goitre seen in private practice do ultimately progress to complete recovery after a period of years. If all patients could avail themselves of the physiological rest which is so helpful in the treatment of most cases of exophthalmic goitre, there would be but rare need of operation.

Medical treatment should be continued from six to twenty-four months.

Surgical treatment frequently leaves the patient in an exhausted state (exhaustion caused by the disease, not by the operation) which requires many months of careful medical treatment after the operation, in order to restore fairly good health.

Of course there are exceptional cases of very severe exophthalmic goitre in which operation must be considered as a life-saving measure.

Nevertheless, too many surgeons are doing too many goitre operations, and too many patients are apparently anxious to submit to this fad. It appears to have taken the place of the former appendicitis fad. Nowadays, good surgeons do not insist upon an operation in every case of appendicitis.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ventilator Flues

Do you approve of ventilators near the floor, carrying the air out into a flue which conveys it between the partitions to a ventilator on the roof?

Answer—Yes, but since expired air is warmer than any other air in the room it will naturally rise, and hence the ventilator should be placed near the ceiling.

Arsenic

(1) Is it true that when arsenic has been taken medicinally for a long time, it can't be given up without detriment? (2) Is it safer to take arsenic in solution than in solid form?

Answer—(1) No. (2) No. But sometimes easier.

Dr. Brady will answer all signed letters pertaining to Health. If your question is of general interest it will be answered through these columns; if not it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Brady will not prescribe for individual cases or make diagnoses. Address Dr. William Brady, care of this newspaper.

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$6.50 Suits or Overcoats	4.88	$3.50 Suits or Overcoats	2.62
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ANNUAL SPREAD IS GIVEN

Letters Read to Members of Troop From Mayor Moore and President of National Organization.

The first annual banquet of Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of the Y. M. C. A. was held last night at the association building, twenty minutes of the troop being present. Harry Tucker, president of the troop presided, and Scoutmaster C. Walton Johnson and Scout Commissioner Odis B. Hinnant also attended the banquet.

Scoutmaster Johnson read a letter to the members of the troop from Mayor Parker Quince Moore, in which the chief executive of the city pointed out in what way the scouts could be aggressively serviceable to the community in which they live.

Mayor Moore suggested that in connection with their observance of "Community Good Turn Days" this week, members of the Troop should report in writing to the proper city officials all holes in the sidewalks needing repairs, or any other improvements in the city streets which would make an inspection of the streets to-lic. It was decided that the boys make an inspection o fthe streets tomorrow and Friday for the purpose of carrying out the suggestions made by the mayor.

Howard Penton, patrol leader of the Panther patrol, spoke on "The Birthday Good Turn," and in the course of his remarks emphasized the importance of the members of the troop taking advantage of their opportunities of being helpful by contributing to the mission fund for other boys.

Carl Mahler, treasurer of the troop, gave an interesting talk on "A Star Scout," and dwelt upon the practical training which a boy gets through living up to the requirements of this high scout degree.

Scoutmaster Johnson spoke on "The Community Good Turn." He called attention to the value of this part of scout work in developing the habit of being unselfish and helpful, and to its importance in training for good citizenship. Commissioner Hinnant gave a very interesting address on the subject of "Preparedness." A special message from Colin H. Livingstone, national president of the boy scouts, to the members of the local troop was read at the banquet.

At 8:15 o'clock entire membership of the troop repeated the scout oath standing. The ladies who assisted in the serving of the banquet included Mrs. Hagood, Mrs. Robert Tucker, Mrs. Jonn Hanby and Mrs. Neil McEachern.

ENDORSE PROPOSED BILL TO EXEMPT BARGE PILOTAGE

Rotary Club Hears Reports of Committees at Regular Meeting.

The Wilmington Rotary Club has endorsed the bill introduced into Congress by Congressman Small, that proposes to exempt barges from the payment of pilotage fees when they are towed by steam vessels on which there is a pilot. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee, and after thoroughly considering the proposed bill, they wired Congressman Small several days ago that they approved the bill. The report of the action of the committee was made to the Rotary Club at its regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last night.

There were a number of other reports made, including that of the Wilmington-Fayetteville highway, which was made by Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., who stated that the prospects for securing an improved highway seemed to be very bright at this time. He showed the many advantages of such a highway, especially in the event of war.

The holding of a convention of the Rotarians of North and South Carolina and Virginia at some central point within the district was discussed, and it is probable that an effort will be made to have the convention come to Wrightsville Beach next Summer.

Mr. B. W. Thacker was asked by President Roger Moore to preside at the meeting last night. Mr. Meares Harriss kept a record of the proceedings.

NEGRO SENT TO JAIL

Who Was Sentenced at Burgaw Court to Go to Sanitarium.

James Johnson, colored, who has been charged with being implicated in housebreaking and highway robbery cases both in New Hanover and in Pender counties and who was sentenced at the last term of Superior court at Burgaw, to spend 12 months at the Red Cross Sanitarium, was arrested yesterday by County Officer H. Mack Godwin on a capias and lodged in the county jail.

Johnson was used as a State's witness in several cases at the last term of New Hanover Court, having been brought down from Burgaw, where he was being kept in jail. The grand jury in New Hanover found two true bills against him, Officer Godwin states, one for highway robbery and the other for housebreaking. Capiases were issued and when it was learned that he had not been to the Red Cross Sanitarium, County Officer Mack Godwin placed him under arrest.

CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE.

Boys' Mission Canvassers Secure a Fund of $84.

The boys' mission campaign which has been in progress at the Y. M. C. A. for the past three days, will close today. The sum of $84 was subscribed during the first two days of the campaign. Boys who have not been interviewed by the members of the mission committee will be seen today, and it is hoped that the full amount planned, $100, will be subscribed. The committee is being assisted by the boy scouts in canvassing for funds.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: W. A. Dick, trustee, to S. A. King, for $10 and other considerations, lot at Carolina Court; W. A. Dick, trustee, also transfers another lot at Carolina Court to Mae S. Willson; John Franklin Smith to Calvin Cummer and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on north side of Orange street, 112.5 feet east of 10th, 36x37.5 feet in size; Wilmington Beach Corporation, to Bartle Streb, for $1 and other considerations, lot at Wilmington Beach.

Young People Married.

Mr. George T. McKeithan and Miss Elector L. Skipper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Skipper, were married yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the parsonage of Immanuel Presbyterian church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Crowley. Both are young people and have many friends in the city. The groom is employed at the Hanover Iron Works. They will make their home in Brunswick county.

ONE THOUSAND FIRST DAY

Fine Showing Made on First Day of Finance Campaign of Young Women's Christian Association.

One thousand dollars subscribed on the very first day of the annual finance campaign of the Young Women's Christian Association shows that the Wilmington people are vitally interested in the success of this institution. It was a fine showing for the workers yesterday and they are more determined than ever to make it "Four thousand in four days." They have made a fine start and have only to keep up the record made yesterday, and they expect to do it.

There were only 32 workers yesterday and the number will be increased today. The total number of subscribers was 119. The largest number of subscriptions was secured by Mrs. Covington's team, which had six members. They secured 36 subscriptions, the total sum being $222. Mrs. Sprunt's team, with eight workers, secured the largest amount of subscriptions, the total sum being $517.50.

The workers met at the association building yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and submitted their reports. They compared notes and after hearing each other's experiences discussed plans for continuing the campaign.

They will meet again this afternoon at the same hour.

The total amount subscribed yesterday was $1,017.50. This was much better than it was expected would be the case the first day, and the teams are determined to make even a better record today. There were only seven teams yesterday, but there are three others that expect to get in the running today and doubtless they will be able to make a fine showing.

Following is the number of subscriptions and the amounts subscribed for each of the teams yesterday:

Mrs. Covington	36	$222.00
Mrs. Shepherd	8	26.50
Mrs. Kelloway	9	44.00
Mrs. Polvogt	10	57.00
Mrs. Hart	9	39.50
Mrs. Haar	20	111.00
Mrs. Sprunt	27	517.50
Total	119	$1,017.50

TO PUT PROPOSITION BEFORE COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS.

Plans for Manufacturing Suburb are Being Worked Out by Committee.

Details as to the plan for the development of Wilmington's manufacturing suburb, with especial reference to their presentation to the City Council and Board of County Commissioners, were worked out at an important meeting of the committee in charge, held yesterday afternoon in Room 1009, Murchison building.

The committee recently appointed to have charge of the plans for this important project is composed of Messrs. Hugh MacRae, chairman; J. M. Solky, John L. Williams, John R. Murchison, J. B. Rice, M. W. Jacobi, and Col. Walker Taylor. This committee is authorized to carry forward the preliminary work in connection with the plan to establish a manufacturing suburb on the old Noble property, recently purchased by the MacRae interests. The committee is now working to perfect the plans to a point where the proposition can be turned over to the board of trustees.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon the details for the presentation of the plan to the City Council, the Board of Commissioners and the business interests of Wilmington, were worked out and agreed upon, and the chairman was authorized to ask City Council and the Board of Commissioners to fix dates and call special meetings at which the committee could appear and lay before the bodies the plans as now formulated.

COMPANY IMPROVES PLANT.

Harriss Company Acquires Additional Space for Offices.

The extensive improvements and additions to the office and plant of the Harriss Typewriting & Advertising Company on Princess street, which have been under way for some time, have just been completed, and with the additional quarters secured the company now occupies the two upper floors of the old "Cutlar" building. Mr. Meares Harriss, the manager of the company, in developing the business, has established a branch at the Orton Hotel, where several assistants are on duty to take care of the growing business of the company.

The company was organized a little more than seven years ago, and its business has enjoyed such a steady increase that it is now one of the largest establishments of its kind in this section of the State. Although at the start the company's plant was only equipped as a public stenographic bureau, with the additional equipment which has now been installed, it is prepared to do any sort of commercial or art printing. The complete printing plant which has been installed, turns out embossed and engraved work without the use of dies or plates.

HUNTERS TO FORM CLUB.

Local Sportsmen Plan for Revival of Popular Pastime Here.

At a meeting which will be held this evening in the office of the Schloss-Bear-Davis Livery Co., on Market street at 8 o'clock, a number of local sportsmen who are enthusiastic fox hunters are planning to organize a club for the promotion of the pastime in the vicinity of Wilmington. More than 25 followers of the sport have already signified their intention of joining the proposed club.

Through the generosity of Mr. Pembrake Jones, who owns a large game preserve on Wrightsville Sound, the club will be presented with a pack of 12 thoroughbred registered fox hounds. This pack includes English, Redbone and Walker hounds, all of which are fine trailers.

The above-mentioned foxhounds with some eight more which are owned by prospective members of the club, it is believed, will form an excellent pack for hunting purposes. Kennels will probably be erected at the Kelly place on the Market street road about four miles from the city. It is reported that the country around Wilmington abounds in brown foxes, while silver tails are also fairly numerous.

Back From Northern Trip.

Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs, returned yesterday morning from a trip of a week or ten days to Hartford, Conn., New York city and other places in the North. He returned via Southern Pines and Pinehurst, N. C., where he spent a day on business. He speaks enthusiastically of the evidences of industrial prosperity in the North and says he does not recall when he has seen so much activity in New York city.

MORE MEMBERS RECEIVED

Chamber of Commerce Continues Aggressive Campaign — Regular Meeting Tomorrow.

At a meeting of the Membership Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, 14 additional members were reported, making a total of 40 secured during the present campaign. The executive committee of the Chamber at a later meeting accepted these applications and they were duly elected members of the organization for one year. The first regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce since the campaign began will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and a large attendance of members is expected.

The Membership Committee is very much encouraged over the liberal response from the business people and it was decided at the meeting yesterday to continue their efforts for new members and another meeting will be held the first of next week. This added strength to the Chamber will increase its activities and create greater interest in the general work for the up-building of the city. Those present at the meeting yesterday were as follows: Chairman Roache, Messrs. Theo. S. James, W. W. Love, R. C. Jones, J. R. Hanby, O. H. Shoemaker, W. I. Baxter, J. Irving Bear and W. H. Stansell.

Those who were elected to membership yesterday and not previously mentioned during the campaign, are as follows: H. E. Bonitz, architect; C. McD. Davis, general freight agent, A. C. L.; James M. Stevenson, insurance agent; Stewart & Otersen, shoes; K. O. Burgwin, attorney; Murray Transfer Co., Inc., James A. Northam, stantioner; Pittman-McColl Co., printers, engravers; Wilmington Cycle Company, Dr. Thomas M. Green, physician; H. L. Fennell, automobiles; B. F. Mitchell Co., peanuts; Bradstreet Co., Mr. Paul B. Bell, superintendent, and W. J. Norris, manufacturer.

RANSACKED HIS HOUSE.

Burglars Made Raid on Home of William Ward, No. 803 South Third.

While members of the family were away from home between 4 and 6 o'clock yesterday evening the home of Willie Ward, colored, No. 803 South Third street, was broken into by a thief unknown and the house ransacked generally, three trunks having been broken open and other depredations committed generally.

A lady's and a gentleman's gold watch, stick pin, breast pin and other articles of jewelry were stolen, the thief having effected an entrance through a window of the home.

Discovery of the robbery was made about 7 o'clock last evening when members of the family returned home and the city bloodhounds were sent for, but those in charge before the police arrived had not taken the precaution, as they should have done, to have kept people out of the house and around it, and it was impossible to put the dogs on the trail.

Chief Williams says that he would be glad if the public would take the precaution to keep people from out of and around places from which it is expected the bloodhounds will trail. The opportunity yesterday evening, he says, was entirely lost when many people had entered the house that had been robbed and there were perhaps tracks of twenty different people between which the dogs would have had to differentiate, which was asking too much, even of a very intelligent animal.

BRIGADE ANNIVERSARY.

Members Planning for Enthusiastic Celebration on Fourteenth.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Boys' Brigade on last Monday night, Mr. B. F. Brittain, Jr., chairman of the Social Council announced that the council's plans were about completed for the anniversary supper to be given in the large auditorium of the armory on next Monday night, February 14th. This is the date of the organization of the Boys' Brigade by Col. Walker Taylor, 20 years ago, and on this, the 20th anniversary, the members are planning to celebrate by giving a banquet in honor of Colonel Taylor, their beloved and esteemed founder and commander.

All active members will be present, of course, and invitations have been sent to a large number of former members and present associate members. In addition there will be present half a dozen special guests. Then the wives of the married members will attend, and preside over the tables. The Social Council is sure it could not possibly succeed in its undertaking without the aid of these generous "members" of the Brigade. In all there will probably be about 150 in attendance at the Twentieth Anniversary Meeting.

Mr. Charles C. Loughlin, who will be toastmaster, has announced his toasts, and these will be called for as follows:

"To the President of the United States."—B. F. King, Jr.

"To the State of North Carolina"—Joseph J. Loughlin.

"To the City of Wilmington"—J. Henry Gerdes.

"To Pigeon Hill"—Edwin P. Dudley.

"In Lightest Vein"—Eugene C. Dixon.

Visitors' Responses.

Impromptu Responses.

"To the Present"—Harry B. Register.

"Twenty Years Ago"—Colonel Walker Taylor.

TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt Will Preach Sermon at Exercises.

The new Winter Park Presbyterian church will be formally dedicated the latter part of next month according to an announcement made yesterday by the pastor of the church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell. The sermon in connection with the dedication exercises will be delivered by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., a brother of Dr. James Sprunt, of this city, who gave the church as a memorial to his sister, Mrs. B. F. Hall.

The new church is built along the lines of the Georgian Colonial style of architecture, and the structure as regards beauty and harmony of design is one of the most attractive in this section. The grounds surrounding the church are being beautified so as to provide a handsome and appropriate setting for the church.

EXCHANGE OF COURTS.

Judge Walter P. Stacy Will Preside in Courts in Own District.

Judges W. P. Stacy and R. B. Peebles have been granted an exchange of courts, by virtue of which Judge Stacy will try the two weeks' term in Columbus county beginning February 21, from there he will preside in turn over the terms of court in Pender and Brunswick counties. Judge Peebles will preside at the Hartford court, beginning February 28, for a week, and from there will go to Vance and Halifax for two weeks each. Judge Stacy will also try the docket for the term in New Hanover county beginning May 8th.

BRIGADE WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

In City Baseball League Announces Athletic Council.

The Athletic council of the Boys' Brigade has taken up the matter of baseball for the coming season, and at the meeting of the Brigade Monday night, Mr. H. B. Register, chairman of the Athletic Council, announced that his committee had voted to put in the City League this year a strictly representative Brigade team, and had elected Mr. C. W. Davis to act as captain and manager of the team.

As Mr. Davis was captain and manager of the Giant's team of last year, this will leave a vacancy in the league for some team to fill. Brigade members, and their friends no doubt, are glad to know that the Brigade will have a purely representative team in the league this year, and they are confident the team will give a good accounting of itself, for it will come from a wealth of good material.

It will be remembered that last year the Brigade put a team into the league at the eleventh hour, to fill in the fourth team, and, as the majority of the player-members had signed up with other teams, Captain Irving had an up-hill fight all the year with a team composed almost entirely of non-members of the Brigade.

This season, however, the Athletic Council has decided, in time to put in a team, and has voted that it shall be composed entirely of members of the institution. The new captain and manager, Mr. C. W. Davis, is a member of the Athletic Council which elected him to pilot the team, and has had four or five years' experience as player, captain and manager with the Boys' Brigade, and the Giants' team. He won the pennant two years ago with the Giants' team, and made a good run with the same team last year. Among the big-League baseball material in the Brigade from which he may select his team are the following men: C. W. Davis, Charles Burnett, Ed Register, E. J. Irving, Harry Register, Ed Boswell, R. Snakenburg, Ivar Palmgren, Simon Branch, Herman Gerdes, Chris Gerdes, Mac Griffith, and may be others. The team will miss Bob Burnett, who is working in South Carolina. But a line-up from the above list ought to put up a pretty good exhibition of the National American game.

MAY PURCHASE W. B. & S.

Rumors That Seaboard is Negotiating for Short Line Road.

Persistent rumors that the Seaboard Air Line is planning to make Southport a rate basing port for North Carolina, in circulation for some time, were augmented yesterday by the further report that the road is negotiating for the purchase of the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern road, extending from Navassa to Southport.

Mr. M. J. Corbett, president of the W. B. & S., and Mr. M. W. Divine, its general manager, have recently returned from a trip to Norfolk, and the reports have it that they were in conference with Seaboard officials there over the proposed deal. Mr. Corbett was quoted yesterday as unwilling to discuss the matter one way or another and Mr. Divine referred all inquiries to President Corbett.

The new rumor dovetails nicely with those in circulation for some time past, to the effect that the Seaboard was actively planning to obtain seaport facilities in North Carolina, and that Southport would probably be the terminus of an extension from some interior point. Railroad men point out that the purchase of the W. B. & S. would enable the Seaboard to reach salt water in North Carolina more readily than by any other means, and there are many who look for official confirmation of the rumor within a short time.

MR. COLTON JOINS STAFF

Young Asheville Newspaper Man Now With The Morning Star.

Mr. W. F. Colton, lately with the Asheville Citizen, Asheville, N. C., and a young newspaper man of experience on that paper as well as the Trenton, N. J., Gazette and the Baltimore American, Baltimore, Md., has joined the local staff of The Morning Star and has already entered upon his new duties.

Mr. Colton is a native of Morganton, this State, is well equipped, and The Star is sure he will receive a cordial reception from the paper's friends in Wilmington and elsewhere. Although from the mountains of the State, Mr. Colton already feels at home on the coast and expresses himself as pleased with Wilmington and Wilmington people.

ROBESON COUNTY GETS TRAINED MAN CHASER

Large Number of Robberies Responsible for Purchase of Bloodhound.

A trained man chaser has been purchased by the people of Robeson county to be used in running down transgressors. The bloodhounds has already arrived and was taken out Monday for its first trial in chasing violators of the law. The dog was taken to Allenton, where the depot, a store and the postoffice was robbed, but it is not known with what success. It is of interest to note that the people of that progressive county have become so aroused that they have contributed a part of the money by private subscription for the purchase of the dog. The following is from the Lumberton Robesonian:

"Robeson county, now has a well-trained bloodhound—a regular man-trailer—and one that is guaranteed to do the work. The dog arrived yesterday. He was bought from Dr. Fulton & Son, of Beatrice, Nebraska, the same firm from which the city of Wilmington recently bought two dogs. This fine 'man chaser' is two years old and has had the best of training. The dog cost $125, about $50 of which has been raised by public subscription. The board of county commissioners will be asked to appropriate something towards paying the balance. The dog will be kept at the jail. It has not yet been decided who will look after the dog.

"A large number of robberies that have occurred over the county during the last year is responsible for the purchase of the dog. There is no point in Robeson county where a robbery might occur that could not be reached with the dog in a short time."

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There isn't any two ways about it; Parisian Sage is one of the finest hair preparations in the world, and nearly every druggist without an axe to grind will tell you so.

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It's women's favorite hair tonic because it gives to the hair a brilliancy and lustre that fascinates and compels admiration. R. R. Bellamy has scores of people who use Parisian Sage regularly and will tell you all about it.

NEGRO GETS ROAD TERM.

Only Three Defendants Face Recorder. Nominal Fines Imposed.

The chief sufferer at yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court was Sam Person, colored, who was sentenced to 15 days on the county roads on a vagrancy charge. Only two other defendants were arraigned. They were Richard Beasley, colored, who was given a suspended sentence on a charge of the reckless riding of a bicycle, upon payment of the costs and Meta Watters, colored, who was fined $5 and costs on a charge of simple assault. The Person case was the only new one on the docket, the others having been continued prom previous sessions.

BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS.

Vital Statistics for January Are Given Out.

According to a report given out this week by Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, the births among the white residents of the city were nearly double the number of deaths during the month of January. Sixteen deaths were recorded, three being non-residents. The white births for the same period were 25.

There were 21 births among colored residents of the city during January, as compared with 10 deaths. Two of those who died were non-residents.

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The Need For THRIFT

DO you know that in the United States 66 out of every 100 people that die leave no estate whatever? Do you know that out of the remaining 34 only 9 leave estates larger than $5,000, and that the average of the balance of 25 is a little less than $1,300? Do you know that at the age of sixty-five, 97 out of every 100 in America are partly or wholly dependent upon relatives, friends or the public for their daily bread, for their clothing, and a roof under which to sleep? We all know that the one safeguard against pauperism by the countries of Europe has been thrift. France, Germany, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have been the leaders in thrift. Do you realize that according to recent Government statistics, 98 per cent. of the American people are living from day to day on their wages, and that a loss of employment would mean pauperism for all but 2 per cent. of us?

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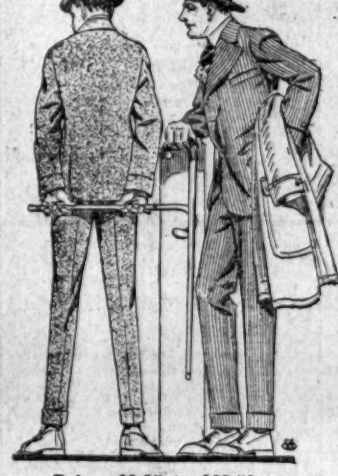

one that combines all these good points and is marked at a fair price.

That is the sort of Spring suit YOU want, if we are not mistaken. And we therefore invite you to look over our great stock of Spring suits, because we feel sure you will find here the suit you are looking for.

Prices $9.95 to $22.50.

2 SPECIAL VALUES IN NEW SPRING SUITS AT $9.95 and $12.75.

Just to start the season with a boom, we are offering two unusual values that should prove interesting to every man intending to buy a New Suit.

Fine Twill all wool Blue Serge Suit, well tailored and cut in the very best style; all sizes $9.95	Finest Men's Wear Serge; all hand tailored; lined with best grade venetian; all sizes . . .$12.75

SPRING HAS ARRIVED IN THE MEN'S FURNISHING SECTION

You'd think so if you saw the cheerful colorings and the handsome designs of the new Spring shirts, neckwear, etc., that seem to brighten up the whole section. See them!

Men's soft Madras Shirts; beautiful range of patterns; all sizes; good $1.00 value, at 69c	Boys' $1.00 Blouses and Shirts, made of the very best grade Madras and Pongees, size 12 to 14 1-2, at . .	Boys' 50c Blouses, in full range of patterns, with or without collars; new Spring shades and colorings, . 39c

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Louise King, of Sumter, S. C., is visiting Miss Lorena DeVane, No. 414 Orange street.

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Rev. W. B. Pope, of Franklin, Ind., is a guest of Mr. J. P. Stephens, of No. 909 Chestnut street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Jones, of Kelly, N. C., are spending a few days in this city, and are guests at The Orton Hotel.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. Norman I. Hicks and baby, of Wilmington, are visiting friends in the city."

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Mrs. Fritz Hanson, wife of the well-known wrestling favorite of this city, has left for home in Claremont, N. H., where she will spend several weeks.

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A meeting of all persons interested in the relief fund of the Colonial Dames has been called for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the assembly rooms at Fifth and Market streets.

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An important meeting of the George Davis Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the W. L. I. Armory. All members are urged to attend.

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Miss Emma Blount has returned to her home in Kenansville, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard at their home on South Second street.

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Mr. Nelson MacRae, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacRae, has returned to Boston, where he is attending school, after spending several days with his parents here.

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The members of the Music Department North Carolina Sorosis are requested to meet at the club rooms this afternoon at 3 o'clock for a rehearsal of the cantata, which is to be presented soon.

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Mrs. O. T. Mattox has returned to Wilmington after spending several weeks in Jacksonville, Fla., to which city she was called several weeks ago on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Blitch.

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Miss Lorena DeVane returned yesterday morning from Chadbourn, where she attended the wedding of her brother, Mr. W. R. DeVane, and Miss Donnie Smith on Monday evening at the home of the bride's parents near that place.

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The chief feature of the educational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, will be a birthday social. An elaborate programme has been arranged for the occasion, and all the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Mrs. M. T. Plyler will be the guest of honor.

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In addition to the members of the committees previously announced for the Bazaar for the Allies which will be given March 1 to 3, inclusive, by the Societies of St. Andrew and St. George, the Cafe committee will include the following: Mrs. W. L. Harlow, chairman, and Mesdames W. L. Beery, C. D. Maffitt, E. H. Munson, Harry Woollcott, Cuthbert Martin, J. Hicks Bunting, R. S. McCorkle, and Misses Alice Wright, Margaret Corbett and Wilhelmina Harlow.

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CHADBOURN YOUNG PEOPLE SPRING SURPRISE ON FRIENDS.

Chadbourn, N. C., Feb. 8.—A surprise was given this community Sunday night when it became known that Miss Donnie Smith and Mr. William R. DeVane had been quietly married at the bride's home. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. E. Smith, who lives one mile from town. The groom is the son of Capt. D. C. DeVane, conductor on the Elrod and Conway division of the A. C. L.

After the ceremony, performed by Rev. G. M. Daniel, pastor of the Methodist church, the couple left on the late train for Wilmington, and will go on to Norfolk, where they will make their home. Mr. DeVane is in the employ of the Southern Express Company.

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LADIES' APPROACHING EVENT TAKES PLACE TOMORROW.

One of the most interesting golfing events of the season will be held by the Cape Fear Country Club on Thursday of this week. This will be the annual ladies' approaching and putting championship contest. It is expected that this will be the largest competition of the kind ever held in the history of the club as more ladies have already expressed their intention of entering. Plays will begin on the arrival of the 3 o'clock car.

The prizes will be as follows: First prize, copper cup; second prize, two golf balls; third, one golf ball.

Special interest is added to the competition by reason of the fact that the scores made Thursday are taken into consideration in completing the ladies' handicap for the mixed foursome event on Washington's birthday.

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ELABORATE BANQUET GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF CHURCH.

An elaborate banquet was given in Immanuel hall of Immanuel Presbyterian church by the Men's Brotherhood and the Ladies' Aid Society to the members of the church last evening and was attended by more than 100 men and women. Mr. S. A. Matthews was toastmaster and inspiring addresses were made by a number of those present including Rev. J. S. Crowley, and Messrs. H. E. Walton, Edward Register, C. T. McKeithan and B. F. Brittain, Jr.

The hall was beautifully and attractively decorated with roses, old English ivy and Southern Smilax. The tables were loaded down with good things to eat and there has not been a social event at this church in a long time that was more enjoyed.

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WILMINGTON MAN MARRIED IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 8.—Rev. William Porteus Reeve, of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Annette Ophelia Sperry, of Tampa, were married in this city today by Rev. W. F. Dunkle, pastor of Southern Methodist Episcopal church here.

The bride was accompanied by her father, who gave her away. The ceremony was simple. Bride was attired in traveling gown of black with accessories to harmonize. Following a sightseeing tour of this city, they departed tonight supposedly for Tampa, en route to Wilmington.

The marriage of Mr. Reeve will be of interest to a wide circle of friends in Wilmington. He came to this city the latter part of last year from Tampa, Fla., where he had lived for several years and has been general agent for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

Only a few close friends knew of his departure on Monday for Florida to be married and the announcement of the wedding will be quite a surprise to many. Mr and Mrs. Reeve will make their home in this city.

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WEDDING IN GEORGIA CITY OF INTEREST IN WILMINGTON

Many Wilmington friends will be interested in learning of the marriage of Miss Emily Neilson Hatch to Mr. Edward Remington Jerger, editor of the Thomasville (Ga.) Times-Enterprise, which was solemnized on Saturday, January 29th, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. J. McRee Hatch, formerly a resident of this city. The following is from The Times-Enterprise:

"A beautiful home wedding and one in which a more than usual interest centered, was that of Miss Emily Neilson Hatch and Mr. Edward Remington Jerger, which took place at high noon today at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. J. McRee Hatch, on Remington avenue.

"The lower floor of the home was spring-like with many lovely flowers and the large front parlor, where the marriage ceremony was performed, had been transformed into a perfect bower by its beautiful and artistic decorations.

"Southern smilax festooned from the walls and from the chandelier to the corners of the room, formed, with many stately palms and lovely ferns, a background for branches of Japanese quince and other bright flowers. A fence of smilax, studded with flowers, with an arch of evergreens and flowers, screened off one end of the room, the bridal couple standing for the ceremony, just in front of the arch and the officiating minister within it. Tall standards covered with a mass of white star-like viburnum, holding tall wax candles, gave a cathedral effect to the design of the decorations, which were very beautiful.

"In the hall were masses of violets and white narcissus and in the parlor on the right the decorations were of yellow jonquils and violets.

"Just before the hour for the ceremony, Mrs. Hansell Watt played 'A Perfect Day,' and 'O Promise Me,' the music changing to the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin for the coming of the wedding party.

"Just before the party entered the room, Master James Groover, robed in vestments, touched a taper to the many tall wax candles with which the room was lighted, and brought in the white satin cushion upon which the couple knelt for the benediction.

"Preceding the bride, who entered with her brother, came Miss Mary Hatch, the lovely little maid of honor. The bride was met within the door by the groom with his best man, Mr. Joseph Jerger, Jr. The beautiful marriage service of the Episcopal church was impressively performed by the Rev. William H. Higgins, the bride being given in marriage by her brother, Mr. J. McRee Hatch.

"At the close of the services, Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played.

"The bride wore a handsome traveling suit of blue faille, with chiffon blouse, the front of it caught at the neck with a beautiful pin, the gift of the Thomasville Shriners. The hat was of velvet and a corsage bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley was worn.

"The pretty little maid of honor wore a lovely frock of white net with chiffon ruffles and carried a colonial bouquet of pink flowers.

"After the ceremony, refreshments were served and shortly afterwards the couple left by automobile for Boston, where they took the train for Jacksonville. From there they will go to points on the East Coast of Florida for a trip.

"Numbers of handsome wedding gifts were received, comprising a chest of silver, a silver tea service, a large silver water pitcher, and many other things too numerous to mention, of silver, cut glass, china, pictures, etc.

"The bride is a young woman with all the charms of mind and person that go to make her the favorite she is with the large circle of friends she has made for herself since coming to Thomasville a few years ago.

"The groom, as editor of the Thomasville Times-Enterprise, has won for himself a deserved place in the journalism of the State, and is a young man of the highest character and great social popularity."

—Mr. S. E. Sellers, who has been conducting a small grocery store at No. 1116 North Fourth street, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with Mr. S. P. Collier, deputy clerk of the Federal court, yesterday afternoon and the matter was referred to George H. Howell, Esq., referee in bankruptcy. The assets are named as being $275 while the liabilities are placed at $3,514.14. The legal exemptions are claimed.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Policeman W. R. Applebury reports that he has found the cap for the hub of an automobile and the owner can secure same from the police station.

—Mr. J. P. Chapman, of No. 512 Red Cross street, has reported to the police that he has recently missed a quantity of brass from his houses on Eighth and Swann streets.

—Suit was started yesterday in Superior Court by Lillian Knight Thornberg for divorce from James Newton Thornberg. William J. Bellamy, Esq., represents the plaintiff.

—Charged with the larceny of some pine trees from the lands of Mr. E. J. W. Anders just across Jumping Run creek, south of Wilmington, John Nixon, colored, was committed to the county jail Monday afternoon by Special Officer H. Mack Godwin in default of bond in the sum of $100.

—The regular meekly meeting of City Council will be held this morning at 10 o'clock in the office of the Mayor, which has been removed to the west side of the second floor of the City Hall. The Council Chamber, which will be in the office formerly occupied by the Mayor, is now being re-painted and placed in order for the use of the Council.

—The following arrivals were registered at The Orton Hotel yesterday: C. Ed. Taylor, Esq., Southport; Capt. A. Gregg, U. S.A., Raleigh; J. W. Block, Charlotte; W. C. Cridle, Newbern; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rich, Montgomery, Ala.; J. D. Chandler, Charlotte; N. S. Tweford, Hertford; Capt. J. F. Bussels, Southport; L. W. Pinnex, Charlotte; W. R. Crawford, Raleigh; Willis Smith, Raleigh; Mrs. W. D. Croom, Burgaw; Mrs. M. M. Moore, Burgaw; Mr and Mrs. A. W. Sperry, New Haven, Conn.; W. A. Browne Raleigh; J. V. Lyon, Elizabethtown; C. R. Davis, Elizabethton; P. E. Williams, Cerro Gordo; W. P. Whitaker, Wilson; and H. M. Powell, Fair Bluff.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. S. Clayton, owner of the Oceanic Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, spent some time in this city yesterday having arrived in the morning from his home in Brunswick county. In the afternoon Mr. Clayton visited the beach and inspected the hotel in preparation for the opening of the season June 1.

—Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, will attend the sessions of the annual meeting of the Eastern Fruit Growers' Association, which will convene next Thursday at the Hotel Raleigh in Washington. Mr. Whitehead will deliver an address to the delegates to the annual meeting.

PRESIDENT KENLY MAKES STATEMENT

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men, for their determination as to further procedure in the premises, it is deemed proper by the company to give you the following statement of facts which it believes accurately outlines the proceedings and factors that have led up to the present situation.

"For many years past the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has checked and audited the accounts of every one of its officers, agents or employes who was charged with the handling of the Company's money. The auditing and checking of these accounts has not been required because of any doubt of the honesty of any particular individual, but as a business proposition involving the application of sound business principles which are in vogue in connection with the management of every efficient business organization. The only exception in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line has been its passenger conductors. The accounts of these conductors have never been audited because the company has been unable to originate a system which would be efficient without being so burdensome as to make its operation impracticable.

"Several years ago, the company's attention was called to a system of auditing conductors' accounts, which had been perfected on the lines of several of the leading and more conservative carriers of the country. This system known as the White audit system, has been under consideration by this company for a year or more, and its operation has been fully investigated. It is now in actual successful operation on the lines of twenty-three, or more, of the railroads of this country, and its provisions are being carried out successfully, and with facility, by the conductors operating on these roads. The investigation made satisfied the company that the system was practicable, and could be adopted on its lines. It was, therefore, determined that it would be adopted, and to this end, a circular, No. 33, was issued on January 4, 1916, advising each conductor that beginning January 15, his accounts would be subject to audit under the system referred to.

Meetings With Committee.

"On the afternoon on January 3, Chairman Brooks, of the conductors' committee, phoned the General Manager and requested that circular No. 33 be withdrawn until such time as the conductors' committee could convene and discuss the matter with the railroad. The general manager advised him that the circular had been carefully considered before it was issued, and that he could not withdraw its operation pending the conference.

"The conductors' committee convened in Wilmington, and made an ap-

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How Thin People Can Put On Flesh

Thin men and women—that big, hearty, filling dinner you ate last night. What became of all the fat-producing nourishment it contained? You haven't gained in weight one ounce. That food passed from your body like unburned coal through an open grate. The material was there, but your food doesn't work and stick, and the plain truth is you hardly get enough nourishment from your meals to pay for the cost of cooking. This is true of thin folks the world over. Your nutritive organs, your functions of assimilation, are probably sadly out of gear and need reconstruction.

Cut out the foolish foods and fussy sawdust diets. Cut out everything but the meals you are eating and eat with every one of those a single Sargol tablet. In two weeks note the difference. Let the scales be the judge. Five to eight good solid pounds of healthy, "stay there" fat may be the net result. Sargol aims to charge weak, stagnant blood with millions of fresh new red blood corpuscles—to give the blood the carrying power to deliver every ounce of fat-making material in your food to every part of your body. Sargol, too, mixes with your food, to prepare it for the blood in an easily assimilated form. Thin people tell how they have gained all the way from 10 to 25 pounds a month while taking Sargol tablets are a careful combination of six of the best assimilative elements known to chemistry. They come 40 tablets to a package, are pleasant, harmless and inexpensive, and all good druggists in this vicinity sell them subject to an absolute guarantee of weight increase or money back as found in every large package.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE

In Case of Beatrice Harrison Against Collector of Estate.

While the jury reported yesterday afternoon just before the adjournment of Superior Court that it was unable to agree as to a verdict in the case of Beatrice Harrison against Major W. N. Harriss, collector of the estate of Sam Merrick, Judge Peebles directed that they go to their homes and consider the matter over night and see if they could not reach a verdict today.

The case went to the jury at 2:30 yesterday afternoon and after having deliberated until 5 o'clock, the jury came into court and th eforeman reported that they were unable to agree and were hopelessly divided. Judge Peebles asked them how they stood and the foreman stated that they were five and seven. Judge Peebles then stated that he had plenty of time and that he wanted to dispose of this case at this term of court, if possible.

The only other case taken up yesterday afternoon was that of Mr. F. O. Schodinger against Mr. James F. Woolvin. This went to the jury but they had not returned a verdict when court adjourned for the day. The plaintiff is seeking to recover $245 with interest for about six years, which he claims is due on a contract for a building. The defendant claims that he never ordered the timber, for which payment is sought, but that it was bought by the architect. The plaintiff admits that the architect purchased it but claims that he was agent for Mr. Woolvin.

—C. Ed Taylor, Esq., of Southport is in the city on professional business, and is a guest at The Orton Hotel.

WILLISTON, N. C., MAN RESTORED TO HEALTH

Mr. Wade Thankful He Read About Wonderful Remedy.

E. T. Wade of Williston, N. C., was the victim of stomach disorders. He tried many remedies and took a great deal of medicine and treatments. Relief seemed a long time coming.

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Says Backache is a Sign You Have Been Eating Too Much Meat, Which Forms Uric Acid.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog, you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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It is worth while to know that "Mother's Friend" has been in continuous use more than half a century. Letters are frequently received to say that a young mother learned of this splendid remedy from her mother and from her grandmother both of whom used it with happiest results.

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THEATRICAL

"Tables Turned," a five-part photodrama in which Emmy Wehlen, the popular and charming stage star, is seen in the stellar role, will be shown at the Royal today.

It is the latest release on the programme of the Metro-Pictures Corporation and was produced by the Aolfe Photo Plays, Inc. "Tables Turned" is an intensely interesting and dramatic offering, that has a strong appeal. It offers Miss Wehlen ample opportunity to display her remarkable versatility, for since her advent into the realms of the silent drama this exquisite musical star has demonstrated her ability to enact difficult emotional roles. It will mark her second bow as a screen artist, under Metro auspices, her first appearance being in the Rolfe-Metro production, "When a Woman Loves." Miss Wehlen is perhaps best known for her work in musical comedy. For three years she was the leading woman at the Gaiety in London, and sang the leading roles in "The Merry Widow," "The Dollar Princess," and other big musical productions in London and New York. Her last stage appearance was in "Tonight's the Night" at the Shubert Theatre in New York last season.

In "Tables Turned" Miss Wehlen has the support of an excellent cast which includes H. Cooper Cliffe, the noted English dramatic actor, Edgar L. Davenport, Leslie Austin, Walter Hitchcock and Jeannette Horton.

"The Bohemian Girl."

"Bohemian Girl," the world's most famous ballad opera, comes to Academy of Music for a matinee and night performance. This famous ballad opera, which scored an instantaneous success, has a permanent hold on public affection, for its stoy is pretty, romantic and attractively told, while the music is so tuneful that it has endeared itself to melody lovers the world over.

Among the songs which countless thousands delight in are: Count Arnheim's solo, "A Soldier's Life," the Gypsy chorus, "In the Gypsy's Life," the prayer "Thou Who in Might Supreme," Arline's song, "I Dreamt That I dwelt in Marble Halls," the duet for Arline and Thaddeus, "The Secret of Thy Birth," "From the Valleys and Hills," sung by Arline, The Queen, Thaddeus and Devilshoof, the Count's song, "The Heart Bowed Down," the ensemble "Praised Be the Will of Heaven," Thaddeus' song, "Then You'll Remember Me," and in the finale his number "When the Fair Land of Poland."

The all-tar revival coming here on Saturday, F bruary 19, said to be the best cast production of this world's favorite heard in this country.

"The Secret Agent"—Grand.

A magnificent cast, of the calibre which distinguishes Gaumont productions, was especially organized to support Robert T. Haines and Catherine Butler in "The Secret Agent" a three-act Rialto All-Star Feature, which occupies top position on today's big bill at the Grand. Mr. Haines' robust physique and mobile features combined with remarkable artistic intelligence, make him one of the most attractive, all-round leading men on the screen.

Miss Butler as Alicia Carlton, is charming. She knows how to create an atmosphere of mystery about her own actions, and in the love scenes she is irresistible. The story, written by Arthur Stringer, one of America's foremost fiction writers, takes place principally on shipboard, although it has both an Atlantic ocean and a Parisian setting, and deals with an American secret agent who is bent upon preventing a valuable set of diamonds being smuggled into the United States. It is a dramatic feature done with a nicety that is seldom seen in the regular program release, and should be one of the most enjoyable features of the week.

"A Bum Steer" is another one of those great Vogue comedy knockouts, starring inimitable Sammy Burns.

A Pretty Little Scene From the "Bohemian Girl" Production at the Academy Next Saturday, Matinee and Night.

"The Eternal City" Saturday.

Wilmington amusement lovers are talking of the coming of that superb eight-reel spectacle, "The Eternal City" which is billed for presentation one day only, at the Royal next Saturday. It is absolutely Wilmington's greatest photoplay event. Today is given the opening of a full-page review of this production, by the editor-in-chief of the Moving Picture World. Tomorrow more of the same review will be given.

"Staged amid the crumbling monuments of ancient Rome and the magnificent piles of the modern capital, 'The Eternal City' produced in eight parts by the Famous Players, will rank with the world's best kinematographic accomplishments. This adaptation of Hall Caine's famous book is a dramatic and spectacular success and triumph. There is a story of dramatic power, a human story, a story of the heart. It touches the lives of two children, a boy and a girl, and it follows these two into manhood and womanhood. In its course it comes in contact with the humble and the great, with the working forces of a nation and with the ruling forces; with church dignitaries, surrounded by all the panoply of exalted station and also revealed as men with human ties, and animated by the same impulses that sway other men. Then there are the remarkable backgrounds, the sacred and impressive reminders of the glories of other ages and the architectural wonders erected by church and state of a later day." (Review continued tomorrow).

Herbert Rawlinson at Bijou.

My Gosh! How that hot Southern blood does rush to the defense of a damsel in distress. And the fact that she was an outcast from a notorious roadhouse didn't stop Herbert for a minute. If you like the vigorous personality of that fine actor, Herbert Rawlinson, and the sweet, girlish hoyden-ish ways of Jean Taylor, you say, "The Reward of Chivalry" that great three-act Gold Seal drama on today's bill at the Bijou is the best ever.

The story is about a crooked politician and how he tried to "frame" an editor's wife. Herbert to the rescue in the character of a newspaper reporter is there with bells on and the result is one of the very greatest three-reel Universals of a long season, something you never see the equal of outside of this great program. And William Worthington, another star of great prominence, plays another leading role in this great feature.

"Flivver's Famous Cheese Hound" is another one of those great "Flivver" comedy screams that are simply irresistible.

SIX WAKE FOREST STUDENTS APOLOGIZE TO PRESIDENT FEW

Head of Trinity College Issues Statement as to Painting Episode.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, Durham, Feb. 8.—President W. P. Few has issued the following statement in regard to the recent painting episode here:

"The six students of Wake Forest College who, by painting up a basketball score, seriously defaced property at Trinity College on the night of January 25, have been to my office, assumed their guilt for the misdemeanor, made apologies, and proposed so far as that is possible to pay for the damages, which though serious and possibly lasting, have perhaps been exaggerated in some of the rumors that have obtained currency.

"President Potest and the faculty of Wake Forest College had already taken such steps as they deemed wise to set the institution right. So far as the two colleges are concerned, the incident is now closed. I take the opportunity to say that Trinity College continues to bear, as it has always borne, the kindest feelings toward Wake Forest College and the great denomination behind it."

PINNED UNDER AUTOMOBILE.

Warsaw Youth Narrowly Escapes Death When Car Turns Over.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Feb. 8.—What came near being a serious accident occurred Sunday morning shortly before noon, when an automobile belonging to Mr. A. B. Baines and driven by Duncan King, a 16-year-old boy, turned over about a mile from town, pinning the boy under the car, with the engine running, and badly spraining his arm and bruising him up. Wayne Jordan, of this city, and Noel Dawson, of Burgaw, boys of the same age as King, who were the other occupants of the car, were thrown clear, and were unhurt. They managed to extricate King, who came to anwn tod received medical attention from Dr. J. H. Williams. The wind shield and top of the car were demolished.

NEW CORPORATIONS CHARTERED

These Located at Aberdeen, Graham and Charlotte.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—New corporations were chartered today as follows:

Aberdeen Realty & Insurance Company, of Aberdeen, capital $50,000 authorized and $2,500 subscribed by J. W. Graham, J. A. McKeathan, T. M. Sparrow and Ralph Leach.

The Graham Chero-Cola Bottling Company, Inc., of Graham, Alamance county, capital $10,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed by A. E. Hardee, R. L. Holmes and R. B. Tate.

The Brockmann-Legerton Company, Inc., of Charlotte, capital $10,000 authorized and $6,000 subscribed by H. V. Brockmann, C. L. Legerton and J. L. Brockmann for a general book and stationary business.

HERBERT RAWLINSON
Starring in "The Reward of Chivalry," a Three Reel Dramatic Feature at the Bijou Today.

GRAINGER TAKEN TO RALEIGH

Columbus Negro Gets 25 Years for Murder—Wandering Boy Comes to Grief.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Feb. 8.—Sheriff J. T. Best left this morning for Raleigh, carrying with him Mayo Grainger, the negro who submitted to a charge of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to 25 years in the State penitentiary by Judge Peebles, it having been charged that Grainger shot Gus Thompson at Fair Bluff on Christmas day.

Including this sentence, the total sentences to convicts at the past term of court aggregates nearly 80 years, the others of whom go to the county roads. Two negroes who were brought here from the New Hanover chain gang were tried for house breaking, convicted and sentenced to terms of nine years each on the county roads.

Woolsey Woods, a young white boy not more than 15 years of age, was put off a freight train here a few days ago by trainmen, after beating his way from Wilmington to Whiteville. To Mr. D. S. Hayes, who is taking care of the boy pending some word from his people, he stated that in company with four other boys, all bent on the same mission, he left his home at Lynchburg, S. C., about ten days ago going direct to Bolivia, N. C.

At the time they left home he says he and his "pals" all had money, but that this gave out at Bolivia and his partners deserted him. He told Mr. Hayes that his father was Mason Woods, a well-to-do farmer living about one mile from Lynchburg, to whom Chief of Police Thompson has written informing him of the whereabouts of the boy.

When questioned as to his motives in leaving home, he related the experiences of an older brother, whom he now says is doing well, and after whom he was modeling himself. The brother, too, was seized with the wanderlust fever and after a few disagreeable experiences with the world, at last entered upon a successful career. Mr. Hayes says the youth with him is both bright and smart, and is more than anxious to return home.

MR. MAUL AT SOUTHPORT

Addresses Brunswick "Get-Together" Meeting—Republican Convention.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Feb. 8.—Last night at the court house, there was held the second "Get-Together" meeting of citizens of Brunswick county, there being an audience filling the court room, a number of ladies being present. The matter of special interest on this occasion was the address of Mr. C. A. Maul, advertising agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, who came here under the auspices of the Commercial Association, whose guest he was while in this city. Mr. Maul's address was along lines of agricultural and industrial progress, showing how results could be secured through co-operation and a campaign of advertising. The speaker gave an added emphasis to his remarks by personal experiences. He was given a close hearing and applauded at the close.

Fox hunting continues. Beginning next Monday, a week of real fox hunting is promised to invited guests. As a sample of the foxes to be chased, your correspondent was shown a fox yesterday just brought in that weighed 28 pounds.

The chairman of the county Republican executive committee has issued a call for a convention to be held at Supply, Saturday February 26, at which delegates are to elected to states and district conventions. The products meetings are to be held on the 19th inst.

Thursday of this week, a Valentine social is to be held at the Thompson home, on Bay street, when entertainment is promised for young and old, Valentines being but one part of the programme, as refreshments and music will add to the pleasure of the guests.

WILL PUT ON NIGHT SHIFT

To Increase Output of State Marle Works in Jones County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, says that a night shift of workmen will be put on at the marle works, at Bowman, Jones county, at once and the output of agricultural marle increased from one hundred tons per day to one hundred and sixty tons per day. The department now has orders for the marle ahead to utilize the output by the day force until April 1. However, if a good night force is added the situation can be very much relieved and the farmers supplied much more promptly.

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MR. HOOD IS NOT DISTURBED

By Reports From Clinton That Editor Owen is Going to Run for Congress.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 8.—Congressman George E. Hood, of the Third district, who has been in the city for a few days looking after his business affairs, left last night for Washington City. Mr. Hood learned while here that Editor Tom Owen, of the Clinton News Dispatch, is preparing his campaign to succeed Mr. Hood as congressman in the Third district, on the Republican ticket.

"I am not the least bit disturbed over this report," Mr. Hood stated to a newspaper man last night.

Speaking further, he said that he was aware of the fact that Mr. Owen was strong in Sampson county, where probably he would poll a good number of votes, but with this exception would meet with the same disaster as would a snow ball placed upon a red hot stove.

"The Democrats realized their mistake in the last congressional election by not going to the polls and voting," stated Mr. Hood, "and a wise Democrat hardly ever makes the same mistake twice," continued the congressman, "and not only in the Third district, but all over the State the Democrats are going to rally together as never before, which means the stamping out of Republicanism in North Carolina for a long time to come."

Mr. Hood would not comment on the subject, but stated he was for a reasonable amount of preparedness.

LA FAYETTE MUTUAL HAD GOOD YEAR OF BUSINESS.

Lumberton Life Insurance Company Has Annual Meeting of Directors.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 8.—The regular meeting of the board of directors of the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Company was held here yesterday to receive reports for the year ending December 31, 1915. The following directors were present: W. J. Beattie, Jr., E. E. Page, A. J. McKinnon, L. E. Whaley, K. M. Barnes and W. L. Grantham, M. D.

The report submitted, which will be forwarded to the Insurance Department, showed that the company had made good progress during the year in amount of business written; that its assets had increased over 30 per cent; that a good surplus had been accumulated and that every death claim had been paid.

The report was considered an exceptionally good one and shows the company to be in strong financial condition, and the directors were very proud of the progress that had been made. The company is moving forward all the time on a good strong conservative basis, and is a credit to those having it in charge.

"CURED" ONES TESTIFY TO EFFICACY OF RARE BEEF.

Much Interest Manifested in Newmern Osteopath's Announcement.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 8.—Local citizens are manifesting much interest over the announcement of the discovery made by Dr. R. C. Armstrong, a well known osteopath of this city, who has discovered a positive cure for the dreaded malaria fever.

Since Dr. Armstrong made announcement of his discovery, large numbers of persons whom he treated with the rare beefsteak remedy, have come forward with testimonials as to its effects.

Dr. Armstrong has discovered that rare beefsteak, eaten two or three times a week, will act as a preventive for malaria and in cases where the patient has already been afflicted with the disease, that it will cure.

New York, Feb. 8.—The United States collier Sterling, it was announced here today, will be used to transport supplies from this country to Jewish sufferers in Palestine. In addition to medicines to be sent by the American Jewish Relief Committee, the Sterling will carry 60,000 pounds of matzoth, for which funds have been collected by the Hebrew Shelter and Immigrant Aid Society of this city.

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CONDITIONS OF CONTEST:

Article must be written on one side of paper only and must contain not more than 200 words. This and subsequent notices appearing in these columns contain all the information that will be given in regard to the contest.

All articles must be addressed in sealed envelope and MAILED to Contest Editor, care of Wilmington Star, and must be in hand by 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, February 15th, 1916.

The names and winners will be announced in The Morning Star of Thursday, February 17th and prizes awarded on that day.

The judges of the contest will be Mrs. E. K. Bryan, Mr. J. A. Northam and Mr. E. H. Munson. From the decision of the judges there will be no appeal.

The article may deal with any particular phase of the opera or, as a whole, but must not contain more than 200 words.

Contestants may see book containing the story of The Bohemian Girl and its principal song hits at the office of the Academy of Music at any time. Or, this data may be secured doubtless at the Public Library.

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THE HOME CIRCLE PAGE

EDITED BY LILIAN CRAIGEN ADAMS

Debutante Has Changed

NO LONGER A SHY CREATURE IN WHITE MUSLIN; SHE'S ASSERTIVE AND INDEPENDENT NOW.

THE debutante is an old, old story now. She has made a success in society or she has not; her fate in a way is sealed, so there can be no harm in discussing her a little. For the debutante has changed of recent years. She is not at all the vision that the word conjures. When you say "debutante" you see before you in imagination a demure young person clad in white muslin and blue ribbons, her eyes cast down, her manner shy. She says "yes ma'am" when you address her and ventures no opinion of her own.

That is the debutante as she was some years ago, an ingenue, a neophyte, as lacking in worldliness as a nun, as scant of conversation as a dove, as innocent of original ideas as the writer of a musical comedy libretto. No matter in what "finishing" school she had received her last touches she blushed like a boy as she stammered out her replies to your carefully expurgated questions.

You were this sort of debutante yourself, that's how you know all about the species, and that, it may be added, is why the debutante of the day is such a shock to you.

You were invited recently to a debutante luncheon merely because the hostess is an old friend of yours and not because you deserved the honor.

"Come and help me entertain the little dears," said your friend in inviting you.

You went. Your seat at table was between a bright and beautiful being in brown velvet and a charming creature in taupe satin. There was not a white muslin not even an inch of blue ribbon present.

You commenced the conversation by addressing the brown velvet: "I hope you have enjoyed the season?" you said, not very originally, it must be admitted.

"What?" she asked brusquely. You repeated your question. "Oh, sure," she answered this time, turned her back upon you and addressed herself to the debutante sitting next her.

You turned to the taupe satin. "Haven't you just ached to go to Europe as a Red Cross nurse, it would be such an adventure?"

The glance she gave you was a little pitying. "Not me," she replied. "You see I'm not sentimental." And then she joined in the general discussion that was going on. The general discussion had to do with the general unreasonableness of mothers.

"If I have not been a great success the blame is entirely my mother's," said a charming little creature in blue. "She has done everything she could to make our house uncomfortable for men. The other night there were three men there and they were smoking of course. And what do you think mother did? She sent father down to say that he would be very glad to have the boys join him in a cigar in the library, but that he did not permit smoking in the drawing room. Of course Willie Greene, the only one I cared a fig about, left at once. There are too many houses in this town where the fathers provide the men guests with the very best tobacco for Willie Greene to stand being insulted in ours."

A murmur of horror greeted this tale.

"The trouble is that our parents do not realize that etiquette has changed since their day," put in a young person in rose-colored tulle. "It is absurd to demand that a chaperone go with you when you go out in a car with a man these days. Nobody will take you motoring if you have to have a chaperone tagging after you."

"Mother will not let us dance on Sunday nights at our house," sighed taupe satin. "So foolish. People should realize it when they are old and out-of-date, and not act as an incubus upon the young."

And you looked at the hostess and the hostess looked at you and we attempted to introduce what the women clubbists call "Current Topics." But our efforts were lightly brushed aside. An opinion that the hostess ventured concerning social work was declared antique, and she was set right in the kindliest fashion by her own niece. Then the conversation went to MEN and stayed there until the final nut had been eaten.

After it was all over and the last debutante—the one who runs her own racing car at sixty miles an hour—had bade us an off-hand good-bye, and had forgotten to say that she had enjoyed herself, the hostess spoke: "I've lost my self-respect," said she. "I feel as if I were a blot on the face of the earth."

"You are worse than that," I answered, "you are a Back Number in the World Series and you should be dead."

Oh, the debutante has changed.

There were three men there and they were smoking of course.

Taught In Their Homes

Government Sends Instructors of Domestic Science to Visit Farmers' Wives.

The Federal Government in its role of beneficent parent has at last taken its daughters into consideration in its arrangements. Thus by the action of the Smith-Lever bill which was passed by Congress in May, 1914, teachers of domestic science are employed to visit the wives of farmers in their homes and give them advice and aid in solving the problems of living. Though the work has been in operation less than two years four hundred women are already employed in the Southern States alone teaching home economics.

Naturally the education of the teaching women must be broad and technical. It is required that they be graduates of a recognized training school, otherwise it would be impossible for them to answer the many difficult questions put to them. Sometimes, the teachers say, they are regarded with suspicion by the women whom they hope to help and are not even allowed to get beyond the front door, but once they have broken down the barrier of distrust and have penetrated to the home they are pelted with questions which range from how to stop nose-bleed to how to use up stale bread.

The entrance of the Government into the teaching of Domestic Science helps two classes of women. First those farmers wives who have not had the advantage of training for their work along scientific lines, nor that of access to books which treat of these things, and secondly the woman bread-winner who will certainly find in the teaching of Home Economics both an interesting and a lucrative field. It is safe to predict, therefore, that hereafter training schools which prepare young women for this work will boast crowded classes, for it is an employment which will appeal to the missionary spirit as well as to what is inelegantly known as the pocket nerve.

To make glassware clear and sparkling, add a bit of bluing to the soapsuds when washing.

The Little Pillow's Day

TINY LINEN COVERED ONE MUCH IN EVIDENCE BOTH FOR DECORATION AND FOR USE.

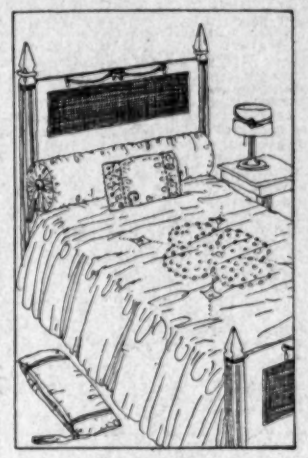
HAVE you acquired the "little pillow" habit yet? Have you reached that stage where you find it impossible to sleep at night unless your face rests on a tiny "baby" cushion? If you have not then you are not as fashionable as you should be.

The clerk in an art store told a customer the other day that she knew that at least a million of these pillows were given away as presents at Christmas. Of course she may have been exaggerating, women sometimes do, but the fact remains that the small pillow is exceedingly popular.

In size it is from twelve to fourteen inches long and half of that in width. It is filled with the softest of feathers which are contained within a first covering, not of heavy ticking, but of stout but smooth muslin. The muslin is covered with silk or satin in some delicate color, and this with a slip of fine linen, embroidered by hand, inset with lace, and finished with an edging of wider lace. The whole makes an article almost too bright and beautiful for daily use. And perhaps the sort described is not used a great deal except for decoration. In milady's boudoir now the cushions on the window seat are generally all covered with white linen, some plain, but the outer ones as elaborate as that described above.

Also the best dressed beds of the day wear in addition to their one or two large pillows, according as they are of the single or the double variety, a small pillow tucked down engagingly in front to lend a bit of color and a bit of lace to the ensemble.

The small pillow which is used to



sleep upon is not dressed up quite so much during the night season as during the day. It, too, though, is soft, and downy and somewhat flat, and it raises the head just sufficiently to be healthful. Also its tightly stretched surface is not likely to wrinkle and make ridges in the skin of the sleeper as are the cases of big pillows.

For these reasons the little pillow has gained a wonderful renown.

If you have a friend who is ill there is nothing nicer to send her as a gift than one of these pillows. It can be made very handsome with handwork, and the invalid will find it a grateful and comforting experience to slip her face from the hot hospital pillow to the smooth cool surface of the new one.

Also when you invite a friend to spend the night with you nowadays and she comes equipped with a large leather bag, do not be amazed. She has no idea of staying a week.

"It is only my pillow," she will explain. "You see I never go anywhere without my pillow. I cannot sleep on any other."

THE YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER SAYS

THAT she is minded to cry "hooray" whenever she remembers that shad is in market once more, for shad is to fish what strawberries are to berries and peaches to fruit—that is the very best of the species. She says that Bishop Berkeley's saying might be paraphrased to read, "God doubtless might have made a better fish than the shad but He never did."

To have it at its best she thinks it should be planked. Time was when it was necessary in order to plank a fish to visit the shop of a carpenter and there procure a clean board that would do, cart it home with you, scrub it, and then use it as a resting place for this king of fish. But not so now. Now in any shop which keeps furnishings for the kitchen may be found in stock stout oak planks incased in Sheffield holders which are intended for the purpose.

To plank a shad then split the fish open down the back and take out the backbone, lay it open on the plank, pepper and salt it, and place in a hot oven. Baste frequently with melted butter and bake to a golden brown. Serve on the plank garnished with rings of lemon, bunches of parsley, and tiny strips of fried potatoes.

If the plank is a new one oil it well before using.

To bake a shad make a dressing like that for stuffing poultry, and season highly with pepper and salt. Cut the head off the fish, clean and stuff it. Place in a baking-pan with about two inches of water, dot with bits of butter, and sprinkle with flour. Put into a moderate oven and bake for about an hour and a half. Baste while it is baking. Serve decorated with lemon and parsley.

To fry shad cut the fish into pieces about as large as your hand. Roll these in flour that has been seasoned with salt and pepper. Have a frying pan so filled with very hot lard that the pieces are entirely immersed and fry a golden brown. Serve very hot with potato puff.

THE YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER says that shad is so rich it should not be fried and so she advises broiling it instead in a dry, very hot skillet. When done it should be served with either a Maited'hotel or a tartare sauce. In the former case use a combination of melted butter and lemon juice highly seasoned; in the latter use mayonnaise as a base and add to it pickles, parsley, olives and chives chopped fine.

A breakfast fit for a king, the young housekeeper thinks, consists of broiled shad served with crisp bacon and thin corn pone. The man who would not enjoy this combination, she thinks, is fit for treason, strategem and spoils.

THE TOWNBREDS & their Country Place

(By Edward Riddle Padgett.)

John To the Rescue

IN country life, all is not farming and fertilizer and milking-time. Just as in a city block, or a large apartment house, there are neighbors all around one; so, too, in the country one comes into contact daily with other people—for distance, between "places," means but little after one has become acclimated. There is daily contact with neighbors and near-neighbors, sometimes pleasant, sometimes unpleasant, but always as interesting and as frequent as in the city.

The other day, at the Townbred's country place at Five Oaks, an amusing little incident occurred which for a while bade fair to be most unpleasant; indeed it would have been, but for the cunning of John, the hired man, who came to the rescue with a display of diplomacy that even a French diplomat might well have been proud of—under similar circumstances.

As Mr. Townbred hurried for his car that morning, his wife called out to him the cheerful news that their supply of coal was all gone; and would he 'phone from the office for more? In town, such a request would have been quite easy of fulfillment; but at Five Oaks—well, an explanation is necessary.

For two days the Townbred's 'phone had been out of commission as the result of a high wind which had blown down a pole to which the wire was attached. The coal was to be ordered from their regular dealer in Vienna, the small village less than two miles away. So, from his office, Mr. Townbred was to call up the dealer and have him send two tons.

There was nothing wrong with the scheme. The trouble was with Mr. Townbred. He remembered to call but, alas, he got the wrong dealer in Vienna, who took the order, of course, and said he would have the coal delivered by two o'clock. That attended to, Mr. Townbred turned to his desk.

A little past two that afternoon a two-horse team turned in at the Townbred's place and followed the road around to the back of the house. Mrs. Townbred had washed her hair directly after lunch and was now in the interesting process of drying it. She heard the wagon as it rumbled in, called to Virgie to tell John to show the man where to put the coal and returned to her Turkish towel and palm-leaf fan.

Of course, right then and there, John's own work stopped. While he was a faithful worker, he simply couldn't withstand the tempting opportunity to "boss around" another laborer. So, John was on the job.

He pointed out the shed in which the coal was to be stored, helped the driver back his horses, and explained to him in great detail the exact way in which the coal should be stored.

Between shovelsful, John and the driver discussed the weather, spring, plowing, the latest squabble in their church at the crossroads and the possibility of certain of their acquaintances being indicted for chicken-stealing and petty larceny at the coming sitting of the Grand Jury. And, it should be noted, it took as long to discuss these and other matters as it did to shovel the coal.

Suddenly, when the wagon was all but unloaded and both parties to the conversation had talked themselves out, the driver remembered something.

"Lands-sakes!" he exclaimed, straightening up. "Ah done fo'got all erbout dat! Am the Missus in?"

John assured him that Mrs. Townbred was at home and inquired as to the reason for his inquiry.

"Ah wants de money fo' dis coal," he explained. "Th' boss done tole me not ter leave it unless Ah gits de money."

Instantly John was up in arms. "What's de mattah wit you!" he demanded. "Ah guess yo' all don't know who you'se dealin' wit! Look hear, whar's you from?"

The driver explained that he was from Brown's Coal and Wood Yard.

"Humh!" sniffed John. "We all buys ouah coal fum Hummer. How cum yo' all git dis order? Is you suah we done ordered it?"

The driver displayed his bill, made out against Mr. Ruthvin Townbred, Five Oaks, for two tons of coal at $8.50 per ton.

John scratched his head. "Dere's sumthin wrong erbout dis," he said. "Ef yo' Boss evah had any dealin's wit Mistah Townbred he done know dat his credit am good all ober de county. People jes' brings things en den sends deir bills en Mistah Townbred he pays dem. Is you suah yo' Boss tole you to kerlecct de money?"

"Yas-sah, dat I is!" the driver insisted. "He say, Pete, ef dey don't gib you de money fo' dis bill den you bring de coal back!"

"Den howcum you done git it out ob yo' wagon into de shed befo' yo' flash dis bill, huh?"

Pete scratched his head. "Well," he made answer presently, "Ah jes' done plumb fo'got all erbout it."

John regarded him with scorn. "Jes' you wait er minute," he said. "Ah'll take dat bill ter Missus Townbred en see what she gwins say erbout it."

Fortunately, by this time, Mrs. Townbred's hair was nearly dry; so she fixed it up quickly and came down to investigate. She saw right away, of course, that Ruthvin had 'phoned the wrong dealer. And, not having seventeen dollars in the house, she was somewhat at a loss as to how to handle the situation; especially since, even then, the coal was needed for the fires. At all events, she decided, that coal must not be returned.

Her 'phone was out of commission or she could have settled the matter with Brown himself. And Pete? Why, all Pete knew was that he had been told to bring back either the money or the coal. He added, however, that his Boss didn't "trus' nobody" unless they were old customers.

Presently she became aware that John was making signs that he wanted a word with her out of earshot of Pete. So she told Pete to wait a minute and returned to the kitchen, John following close after her. Presently, he came back—alone.

"Missus Townbred say yo' all kin take dat coal ob yours en—en tie it up in blue ribbon, fo' all she care!" said John to Pete. "She done insulted! Ah guess yo' all think we'se po' white trash! She say she won't pay dat bill, not ef she had er millyun dollahs lying eround loose—en Ah guess Mistah Townbred got mos' dat much! She say we don't hab no dealin's wit sech low-down, cheap trash lak yo' Boss. Take yo' ole coal—we don't want it!"

Pete blinked a few times and then fell to with his shovel.

John walked off and pretended to be busy with carrying feed to the chickens and the pigs. But all the while he kept a watchful eye on Pete.

He saw the shovel fly with less and less speed, and Pete's back bend and straighten with less and less agility. Then, when Pete paused a moment and drew a sooty red bandana from his pocket with which to mop his dripping brow, John sauntered up.

"Huh!" he exclaimed in a disgusted tone. "You is all kinds ob a fool, ain't yuh!"

Pete stared at John in dumb amazement.

"What you gwine git out ob loadin' dat wagon ergin, huh?" John asked. "Am yo' Boss gwine han' you two-bits fo' bringing back his coal? Am he gwine pat you on de back an' tell you how much he's obleeged to you? Am he? Huh! He am not! Tomorrow when he fine out what a mistake he done made gwine gib you de debil fo' not habin' no mo' sense dan ter unload yo' wagon en den load it up ergin! Ah guess you jes' natchally likes work, don't you?"

Pete paused to consider. It was a brand new idea to him. Here it was growing dark, with more than half of the coal still in the shed, a two-mile drive back to Vienna and—his quitting time but an hour off! He looked at the coal in the shed, the coal in the wagon and the shovel. Then he looked at John.

Then he began to chuckle.

"Ah guess yo' am right!" he declared in a relieved tone. "Dat Boss ob mine done 'pose on me all de time. Tain't mah bill—en—en when he find out dat yo' all got er running ercount with Hummer Ah 'spects he would gib me de debil jes' lak you say. Huh! Ah gwine tell him dat Ah unload haf de coal en den when Ah seen Ah wasn't gwine git mah money Ah jes' up an' driv off—hah! hah!—Ah ain't gwine break mah back th'owin' no coal out er de wagon en den in ergain! No-sah! Ah wants ter git home en git cleaned up particular ternight, anyway—am you en yo' wife gwine to de sociable at chu'ch ternight, Brother Thomas!"

And that was how, when Mr. Townbred returned home that evening, he found the fires blazing merrily away and enjoyed a quiet evening in the bosom of his family, instead of going to bed to keep warm.

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LITTLE FABLES OF THE BUSINESS WORLD

He Believed In Lincoln

THERE was once a certain Young Man who was Strong for Abraham Lincoln. In which respect he was by no means Alone. His friends, however, said he was Bugs on the Subject. Of course they were willing to Speak of Lincoln in the Same Breath with the Father of His Country; and they might even Go So Far as to read his Gettysburg Address and admit it was Some Speech. But there was where they were willing to Quit.

Not so the Young Man. There, in fact, was just a Beginning for him. And, moreover, it wasn't just a Fad. On the contrary, he found the study of the life of the Great War President a Practical Inspiration—one that Helped him in his own Career in a way far from Visionary. Lincoln—the Boy, the Lawyer, the President, the Martyr—was a Living Example worthy of Emulation. And he Studied his life with this in view.

In these days of Light Reading—or None at all—it may be Well to point out a few of the Lessons he learned from his Perusal of the Life of Lincoln. Of course, the Deductions from Lincoln's obscure birth, his poverty, and his hardships were as Obvious as they were Encouraging. Also, the account of how "Honest Abe" learned to read by a Tallow Dip pointed with equal clarity to the Admonition that an Education, no matter how hard to obtain, is Essential.

But what impressed the Young Man most about the early life of his Hero was just this: unaware of what the Future held for him, with perhaps not even an Ambition to achieve the things he did achieve, Abraham Lincoln doggedly, patiently kept on in his

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Fight to better himself.

Looking Backward on a Career the steps seem quite Logical and Inevitable; but looking Forward, before the Career is made, its ultimate Outcome can be but Mere Guesswork and Wild Dreams.

From Lincoln's acts as President the Young Man learned the value of persistency, of patience, of gentleness, of courage and of determination. And in his Assassination, the Climax was reached. A martyr, according to the Dictionary, is "one who testified by his death to his faith or principles." Surely, Lincoln did.

And surely, the Young Man reasoned, there are many times in the forming of a Career in the business world when one's principles should be held to, even though the Penalty is far less than Death.

Now, this Young Man of ours isn't a second Lincoln. He has no more Idea of reaching the White House than have you or I. And he doesn't imagine that "being Bugs on Lincoln" is going to lift him into the Hall of Fame.

If he saw a Rail and had an Ax, he wouldn't Split it—unless there was a Reason, and a Practical one, for doing so. He is mighty Thankful that he has Electric light instead of a Tallow Dip. And he has no Desire to see himself writing out Pardons for soldiers who Fell Asleep at their posts or Deserted to get a glimpse of Home, Wife and Child.

But—

He finds in the Life of Lincoln an Inspiration that helps him Wage his own fight for a Career. Compared to Lincoln's, his battles are Trivial, and yet the fact that Lincoln faced Greater Odds and Won, gives him the Measure of Encouragement he needs. He finds in Lincoln an Ideal!

Moral: The Old Order changeth, yes, but not Human Nature and those qualities of Mind and Heart and Body essential to Success.

SEASONABLE DOTTINGS

THE latest wrinkle of the obliging merchant is to offer for sale Russian blouses which are designed completely to change the appearance of the winter gown and cause it to take on a fresh and spring-like look. These blouses are made of various materials—chiffon, cloth-of-gold, tulle—are handsomely trimmed and range in price from $15 to $30. And they are really useful for making an old dress acceptable.

If we are to accept the displays of lingerie at their face value then white for undergarments is a thing of the past and pink has taken its place. Pink garments of satin, of crepe de chine, of Italian silk, are to be found on all sides. But—if the shopper demands white linen, dainty lingerie hand sewn and hand embroidered will be brought from its hiding place, showing that we have not all turned French in spite of the evidence.

Nightgowns in pink and white striped crepe de chine, like peppermint candy but nicer, are to be had.

Also blue is not foresworn though not so much seen as pink.

Kimonos of wash silk in all the newest colors may be had for $3.75.

The newest kimono is not a kimono at all, but a peignoir with the skirt gathered on at the place where the waist ought to be.

The silks of spring and summer are on view and very lovely they are, too. Pussy willow taffeta maintains its vogue and comes in stripes, cross-barred effects, and in figured designs. In the last case conventionalized birds and flowers often appear.

Little coats made of striped ribbons will be worn over white gowns this spring, it is said.

Handbags of black moire with tops and catches of amber are smart and extremely handsome.

Colored luncheon sets of doilies and napkins have come into vogue and range in price from $5 to $50.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET IS HIGHER

May Contracts Reach 12.28—General List Closes 2 to 24 Points Higher.

New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton market was higher today with May contracts selling up to 12.28, or 26 points above yesterday's final figures, and closing at 12.26. The general list closed very steady at a net advance of from 22 to 24 points.

The market opened at an advance of 6 to 9 points in response to firmness in Liverpool. Local selling around the initial figures caused some irregularity but Liverpool showed continued strength, houses with Liverpool connections being heavy buyers here. Offerings, consequently were well absorbed, and prices worked up sharply in the later trading on reports of an easier situation in ocean freight rates out of New York; favorable political advices and reports of steady Southern spot markets. The demand from Liverpool tapered off after the close abroad, but houses with Liverpool connections were buyers again late in the afternoon while there was also some fresh demand from Western and Wall Street sources. The bulk of the demand, however, was attributed to covering of shorts, and the limited volume of offerings rendered the market sensitive to the buying movement. The late advance carried March contracts up to 12.09, July to 12.40 and October to 12.45, or about 24 to 26 points net higher. The market closed within a point or two of the best. The opening advance here was by no means a full response to the cables, and the Liverpool buying was attributed to covering by straddle shorts at the wider differences.

Market closed very steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	11.90	12.09	11.89	12.07
May	12.10	12.28	12.09	12.26
July	12.21	12..0	12.21	12.39
October	12.28	12..5	12.28	12.44
December	12.35	12.58	12.43	12.56

Spot cotton steady; middling uplands 12.10; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 11.62; receipts, 9,845; exports, 5,554; sales, 600; stock, 437,665.

Galveston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 14,678; exports, 8,659; sales, 643; stock, 345,199.

Mobile—Middling, 11.38; receipts, 47; sales, 25; stock, 29,567.

Savannah—Middling, 11.75; receipts, 4,451; sales, 851; stock, 219,406.

Charleston—Middling, 11¾; receipts, 385; sales, 400; stock, 85,345.

Wilmington—Receipts, 44; stock, 50,-093.

Norfolk—Middling, 11.75; receipts, 2,-004; sales, 614; stock, 124,847.

Baltimore—Exports, 2,622; stock, 4,-274.

Boston—Middling, 11.95; receipts, 470; exports, 100; stock, 11,600.

Philadelphia — Middling, 12.35; receipts, 99; stock, 2,786.

New York—Middling, 12.10; exports, 900; stock, 332,286.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 5,672; exports, 5,672; stock, 67,321.

Total today—Receipts, 37,695; exports, 23,507; stock, 1,711,889.

Total for week—Receipts, 75,935; exports, 78,320.

Total for season—Receipts, 5,080,001; exports, 2,990,903.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.10; receipts, 5,501; shipments, 7,571; sales, 3,970; stock, 204,429.

Memphis — Middling, 12.00; receipts, 3,799; shipments, 4,683; sales, 2,250; stock, 289,047.

Augusta—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 214; shipments, 514; sales, 1,285; stock, 177,789.

St. Louis — Middling, 12.00; receipts 597; shipments, 597; stock, 16,921.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 641; shipments, 585; stock, 15,037.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 433; shipments, 17; sales, 17; stock, 36,-282.

Dallas—Middling, 11.65.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50; sales, 128.

Total today—Receipts, 11,185; shipments, 13,967; stock, 739,606.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 8. — Cotton: Spot, steady; good middling, 8.25; middling, 7.98; low middling, 7.60; sales, 6,000, for speculation and export, 600. Receipts, 22,000; futures, very steady. February, 7.87½; February-March, 7.83½; March-April, 7.82; April-May, 7.78½; May-June, 7.77½; June-July, 7.74½; July-August, 7.72; August-September, 7.61¼; September-October, 7.50; October-November, 7.44; November-December, 7.39½; December-January, 7.35; January-February, 7.31.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 8. — Beeves—No trading. Calves, receipts, 212, firm. Veals, 9.00@13.00; culls, 6.00@8.50.

Sheep and Lambs—No trading.

Hogs—Steady. Light to heavy hogs, 8.40@8.70; roughs, 7.00@7.25.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Makes Sudden Show of Strength Almost Spectacular.

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—A sudden show of strength, which almost reached the spectacular in the afternoon, was made by this market today. The price was raised a quarter of a cent a pound on sustained buying, much of which came from nervous shorts. Late in the day the rumor that British officials would visit this country to try to settle the blockade controversy caused activity and put the market to a level 20 to 26 points over yesterday's close.

The market had a firm tone throughout due in large measure to the more favorable turn taken by the Lusitania matter. Liverpool was much better than due when the American markets opened and initial prices were at the advance. In the early trading prices rose about 10 points. With almost no set-backs, the gain gradually was widened. The close was 22 to 25 points up.

While brokers handled a large volume of fresh buying and the outside public took more interest in the market than for many days past, the demand was most insistent from recent sellers who bid prices up on themselves in their efforts to cover their short commitments before profits vanished.

Closed very steady. Closing bid: March 11.78; May 12.05; July 12.27; October 12.26; December 12.39.

Spot cotton steady, unchanged; sales on the spot 450 bales; to arrive, 150 bales; middling 11.62.

UPWARD SWING IN WHEAT

Result of Export Demand of Large Volume—Other Staples Also Show Gains.

Chicago, Feb. 8. — Export demand of large volume gave the wheat market today an upward swing. As a result, prices at the close, although unsettled, were 1⅞@2 to 2⅜@2½c. net higher, with May at 1.30¼@1.30⅜, and July at 1.22⅝. Other staples, too, showed gains. Corn, 1¼ to 1¼@1⅜c. Oats, 1⅛@1¼, and provisions, 7½@27½.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—May, 1.30¼; July, 1.22⅝.

Corn—May, 77¼; July, 77½.

Oats—May, 49; July, 47½.

Pork—May, 20.47; July, 20.65.

Lard—May, 10.15; July, 10.30.

Ribs—May, 11.10; July, 11.25.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.31¼; No. 3, red, 1.27½@1.28½; No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 3, hard, 1.23⅝@1.28⅝.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 71@71½; No. 4, white, 70½@71.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kell (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 8, 1916.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—$2.00-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 43½; rosin, nominal; tar, $1.50-7c.; crude, nominal.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 8
Rosin .. .. (—)
Tar 204
Crude Turpentine 3

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 87 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11⅝c. Quotations same day last year, 8¼c.

Receipts—44 bales; same day last year, 2,504 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 184,663 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 146,479 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 7.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 55c. to 60c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.00.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c; good demand.

PORK—Small, 8@10c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 17c to 20c.; first class, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c; dry flint, 17@20c per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 18c.; sides and shoulders, 14c. to 15c. per pound, good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 35c head. Geese 55c to 60c per head. Ducks, 35c to 50c owing to quality. Turkeys, 18c per lb., alive.; 20c to 22c dressed.

EGGS—18c. dozen.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Feb. 8th, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—43 bales cotton; 8 casks spirits turpentine; 12 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—1 bale cotton.

Str. Thelma—24 barrels tar.

River—52 barrels tar.

Geo. Slover—116 barrels tar.

Total—44 bales cotton; 8 casks spirits turpentine; 204 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 7.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00, Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 7. — Spanish: Farmers' stock—Market strong.

First quality, $1.05 per bu.; green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock — Market, firm.

Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3¼c. per lb.; shelling stock, 2¼ to 2¾c. lb.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Feb. 8. — Turpentine, quiet, 54½; sales, none; receipts, 93; shipments, 263; stock, 11,920.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 328; receipts, 2,-888; shipments, 494; stock, 54,905. Quote: A, B, C, D, 5.15; E, F, G, H, 5.25; I, 5.30 to 5.50; K, 5.85 to 5.90; M, 6.25; N 6.75; W G, 7.20; W W, 7.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 8. — Hogs—Higher. Bulk, 8.00@8.15; light, 7.80@8.20; mixed, 7.85@8.25; heavy, 7.85@8.25; rough, 7.85@7.95; pigs, 6.50@7.70.

Cattle—Firm. Native beef steers, 6.30@9.75; cows and heifers, 3.15@8.15; calves, 8.25@11.25.

Sheep — Firm. Wethers, 7.65@8.25; ewes, 5.50@5.85; lambs, 8.50@11.50.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb. 8. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.70¾; demand, 4.76; cables, 4.76⅝. Bar silver, 56⅝. Mexican dollars, 43⅜; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, easy; time loans, easy; sixty and ninety days, 2½@2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 1¾.

LESS OPTIMISM IN STOCKS

Speculative Element in Wall Street Falls Back on Lusitania Affair as Excuse.

NeWYork, Feb. 8.—Much of the optimism which effected a general elevation of prices yesterday was lacking today, the speculative community again falling back upon the Lusitania affair and its possible results as an excuse for depressing the list. There was also some discussion regarding overnight advices from London, which pointed to another shuffling of the political cards in the British Empire.

Trading was lighter and more contracted than at any recent session, being utterly without public interest or support, and more than ordinarily professional.

Comparative strength and activity was manifested by several of the independent steel issues, notably Colorado Fuel, Great Northern Ore, Republic Iron and Sloss-Sheffield Steel, giving rise to fresh rumors of deals or combinations in which Midvale Steel figured. United States Steel was under intermittent pressure, regardless of favorable forecasts dealing with the corporation's January earnings and unfilled tonnage.

Initial dealings indicated general firmness, which soon gave way to pronounced irregularity in the more active issues comprising the munitions and oils groups and such rails as Canadian Pacific and Baltimore and Ohio. Losses were largely retrieved before midday, but for the balance of the session the market drifted idly with an almost perceptible downward trend. Total sales amounted to 440,000 shares to which United States Steel, Crucible Steel, Mexican Petroleum and Baldwin Locomotive contributed more than a fair quota. General news of the day was almost wholly constructive. Another upward revision of prices for most steel and iron products is expected before the expiration of the current quarter.

Sterling rates ruled firm, likewise francs, while remittances to Germany and Austria strengthened visibly.

Bonds wer eirregular to heavy, with further extensive trading in Anglo-French 5s. Total sales, par value, aggregated $3,785,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	33
American Beet Sugar	70
American Can	62¼
American Car and Foundry	69⅞
American Cotton Oil	54
American Locomotive	67½
American Smelting	100⅜
American Sugar	113⅞
American Tel. and Tel	127¼
American Tobacco	204
Anaconda Copper	86⅞
Atchison	103⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	111¼
Baldwin Locomotive	115½
Baltimore and Ohio	87⅞
Bethlehem Steel	456
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	86¾
Canadian Pacific	170½
Central Leather	54⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	62½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	26
Consolidated Gas	B.137½
Continental Can	80
Crucible Steel	83¾
Erie	38
General Electric	171
Great Northern, pfd	121⅜
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	47
Illinois Central	103⅝
Interborough Consol. Corp	17⅜
Kansas City Southern	27½
Lehigh Valley	76½
Louisville and Nashville	124¼
Liggett and Meyers	B.256
Lorillard Co.	175
Missouri, Kansas and Tex., pfd	B. 14¾
Missouri Pacific	5⅝
Mexican Petroleum	108¾
National Lead	70¾
New York Central	106¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	57⅞
Norfolk and Western	117
Northern Pacific	113⅜
Pennsylvania	56⅝
Reading	77½
Rep. Iron and Steel	53⅝
Seaboard Air Line	B. 16¼
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	35⅞
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	60
Studebaker Corp	152¾
Southern Pacific	100
Southern Railway	21½
Southern Railway, pfd	60
Tennessee Copper	57¼
Texas Co	207¼
Texas and Pacific	7¾
Union Pacific	134
United States Rubber	52¾
United States Steel	84½
United States Steel, pfd	116¾
Utah Copper	79
Virginia-Caro. Chem	48
Va. Iron, Coal and Coke	56
Wabash, pfd., "B" Ctfs	28½
Western Union	88⅛
Westinghouse Electric	67⅝
United Fruit	141¾

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 8. — Raw sugar, steady; centrifugal, 4.83@4.86; molasses, 4.06@4.09; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, steady; Rio, No. 7, 8¾; Santos, No. 4, 9¾.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Steady.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, February 8. — Cotton goods markets were firm and active today Yarns were firm. Raw silk continued high. Export trade is hampered greatly by shipping conditions, and many orders for cotton goods have been passed because of inability to arrange shipping dates in advance.

BIG PORKERS IN CRAVEN.

Many Hogs of Large Size Being Killed According to Reports.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 8.—During the past few weeks scores of hogs have been slaughtered in Craven county and, according to accounts of these "killings" brought to Newbern, some of the porkers have been of enormous size. A day or two ago L. H. Waters, of Bridgeton, slaughtered two hogs, one of which tipped the scales at 410 pounds, while the other weighed 390 pounds, making a total weight of 800 pounds for two of these animals.

Reports from several other sections also tell of hogs of unusual weight that have been killed recently.

BANK BUILDING SOLD.

That of Defunct Institution at Wadesboro Bid Off at $4,350.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Feb. 8.—At the second public sale of the building owned by the defunct Southern Savings Bank held today, this property was knocked down to J. D. Mills at his bid of $4,350. This figure is $350 more than the highest bid made at the first sale and will probably be confirmed by the court. It is not known what disposition Mr. Mills will make of this property if his bid is confirmed, but it is rumored that he will convert it into a modern cafe and run it in connection with the National Hotel, which adjoins this property.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February, 9, 1916.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature, at 8 A. M., 35 degrees; at 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the months, to date, .57 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 19.7 feet; falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy.

The Port Calendar, February 9, 1916.

Sun rises .. .. 7:03 A. M.
Sun sets .. .. 5:50 P. M.
Day's length .. .. 10 hrs. 46 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water.		Low water.	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	2:00	2:21	9:19	9:29
Southport	12:06	11:57	6:17	6:32
Masonboro Inl	11:55	11:46	5:57	6:12

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

February 8, 1916.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 7 p.m.
Abilene	pt cldy	64	32	.0
Asheville	cldy	52	26	.0
Atlanta	clear	58	36	.0
Augusta	cldy	62	36	.0
Baltimore	cldy	30	..	.0
Birmingham	cldy	66	36	.0
Boston	cldy	26	16	.0
Charleston	pt cldy	58	44	.0
Charlotte	cldy	50	30	.0
Chicago	cldy	24	2	.0
Galveston	clear	66	54	.0
Jaxville	pt cldy	72	54	.0
Memphis	cldy	58	28	.0
Mobile	pt cldy	68	48	.0
Montgomery	cldy	70	40	.0
N. Orleans	clear	74	54	.0
New York	clear	28	12	.0
Oklahoma	cldy	40	26	.0
Palestine	cldy	68	42	.0
Pittsburg	snow	36	6	.04
Raleigh	cldy	44	28	.0
Savannah	cldy	62	48	.0
Shreveport	cldy	66	42	.0
St. Louis	cldy	34	8	.0
Washington	cldy	32	16	.0

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 8. — Cotton seed oil was higher, particularly the March delivery, which was in demand from refiners and shorts. This strength was partially reflected in the balance of the list, aided by the higher ruling in lard and cotton and light crude offerings. March closed 18 points higher and later months 5 to 7 higher. Sales, 14,900 barrels. Closed strong: Spot, 9.30@10.00; February, 9.35@9.75; March, 9.32@9.38; April, 9.32@9.38; May, 9.23@9.25; June, 9.24@9.28; July, 9.24@9.25; August, 9.24@9.25; September, 9.22@9.25. Total sales, 14,900.

NEW BANK OPENS MONDAY

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(Special Star Telegram.)

Hamlet, N. C., Feb. 8.—The Page Trust Company, of Aberdeen, has purchased the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Hamlet, and will open its Hamlet branch on Monday, February 14, C. H. Morrow, who for six years has been the cashier of the Bank of Hamlet, has resigned and will be the cashier of the Hamlet branch of the Page Trust Company.

E. H. Mahone, assistant cashier of the Bank of Hamlet, goes with the Page Trust Company, at Aberdeen, the Page Trust Company announces that, effective February 10, their capital stock will be increased to $100,000. C. H. Morrow is one of the most prominent bankers in the State and the Page Trust Company has made a tenstrike in his appointment, it is believed here.

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In Effect November 15, 1915.

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EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
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a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:20 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:56 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
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4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
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1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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GREATEST LOBBY EVER KNOWN DECLARES MOON

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Chairman of Postoffice Committee, Presenting Post Office Appropriation Bill, Attacks Alleged Lobby of the Railroads.

Washington, Feb. 8. — The charge that "the greatest lobby ever known to the American people" is seeking to prevent the substitution of the space for the weight payment system in the railway postal service was made in the House today by Chairman Moon, of the Post Office committee, in presenting the annual post office appropriation bill. He declared the real object of the opposition was to throttle the parcels post service in the interest of express companies, whose profits are shared equally by the companies and the railroads.

Mr. Moon told the House that under the weight system the railroads were now receiving $60,000,000 annually for carrying mails and that $64,000,000 would be allowed them by the proposed space plan. They seek not only an increased rate, he added, but want the weight system and the Interstate Commerce Commission given the right to grant them higher rates if it sees fit.

"They have the greatest lobby at work today ever known to the American people," he declared. "There never has been such a propaganda promulgated among a civilized people against a government as these railroads have carried on against this measure. There has been a falsification of every fact that is material for consideration. They have not presented a single fact in justification of the charge that this law ought not be changed."

In urging the establishment of a government guarantee fund, proposed in the bill, the chairman asserted that a combination of surety companies had so manipulated their bonding of government employees as to cause the government to lose "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Sixteen hours have been set aside for a general debate on the measure, which carries appropriations aggregating about $320,000,000.

PRESIDENT KENLY MAKES STATEMENT

(Continued From Page Six.)

pointment to meet the general manager on January 17. Without waiting for this appointment, the chairman and secretary of the committee on January 14 called on the third vice president and requested that he suspend the operation of circular No. 33. The third vice president declined to suspend its operation, for the reasons given by the general manager. They thereupon presented the company with a letter addressed to the general manager ,from the conductor's committee, protesting in the form of a set of resolutions that had been adopted by the committee against the inauguration of the White audit system. The last paragraph of this set of resolutions was as follows:

"'Be it further resolved that in the event of your refusal to suspend the operation of circular No. 33, that the general committee of adjustment for conductors on the Atlantic Coast Line, through the general chairman, Mr. S. J. Brooks, hereby puts you on notice that the conductors will not stand for any of the conductors being disciplined under the proposed audit system, or any other system that you may choose to inaugurate and put into effect that has not been mutually agreed on and accepted by the conductors' committee and all conductors properly notified.'"

"This letter definitely stated the position of the conductors committee to be that they would not submit to the proposed audit system covered by Circular No. 33, nor would they submit to any other audit system of any character whatever, or to discipline thereunder, unless such system was agreed on and accepted by the conductors' committee. In the face of this remarkable declaration, it was apparent to the officers of the company—as it must be to any fair minded man—that no system would be accepted without the consent and approval of the conductors' committee.

"After this conference, the committee had four conferences with the general manager, two with the third vice president on appeal from the general manger, and finally three with the president. The company's position, after hearing the objections of the committee, and fully considering them, was announced by the president to the committee on January 22, in the shape of a memorandum, which read as follows:

"'In my remarks on yesterday, I stated clearly my views of the matter now under consideration. I therefore think it is unnecessary to repeat what I said at that time. Since the conference of yesterday, I have given the matter further consideration, and have conferred with our officials and have decided that at the expiration of 60 days' trial of the audit system, if it has developed difficulties of such a substantial character as will make the system unsatisfactory to this company, we will either withdraw it or make such modifications as may make its operation practicable, and if at the expiration of that time, the conductors can show specific instances of any serious practical difficulties of operation, I shall be glad to have a further conference with the conductors' committee on the subject. At the conference on yesterday, the question of the number of reports required to be made by conductors was referred to. I desire to say that I have this matter now under consideration, and it will be carefully investigated, and if in my judgment, I find the conductors are making unnecessary reports which can be eliminated without detriment to the company's interest, the reports will be discontinued.

"'I appeal to you to give this audit system a fair trial, carrying out the requirements of the company in the same intelligent way that you have always complied with instructions and directions of our officials.'

System and Its Operation.

"This system contemplates and provides for the auditing of the collections and accounts of the passenger conductors of the company. This audit is made by a recognized and reputable incorporated auditing company, which is now engaged in the auditing of similar accounts of conductors on twenty-three, or more, of the leading railroads of this country. The auditing or checking of the conductor's accounts is conducted by experienced accountants, who board the train at some point on its run, and at some convenient time, and in some inconspicuous place, present their credentials to the conductor, and request an opportunity to check the transportation that he has collected against the number of passengers on the train. The count of the train is then made by the auditor. The conductor, if he desires, accompanies him during the count. Thereafter transportation collected by conductor is checked against the number of passengers found on the train, and this checking is made at some point which may be selected by the conductor away from the passengers. The auditor thereupon makes a written statement of his check, and furnishes one copy thereof to the conductor. The auditor is not required to make an actual count and check each time that he rides on a train. If any discrepancies or inaccuracies are discovered when the check is made, the auditor and the conductor together endeavor to correct them. The auditor's report after the check is completed, is forwarded to the officers of the company, one copy being retained by the auditing company as its record of the check. In the event of a discrepancy between the report of the conductor and the auditor's check, the case will be decided on its merits, and the conductors have been assured by the officials of this company that the conductor will be given the benefit of any reasonable doubt that exists.

Objections by Committee.

"The conductors' committee has urged several objections to this system. First among these is that the checking of the accounts of a conductor subjects him to humiliation because it involves the inference that he is suspected of dishonesty. The company replies to this objection that no honest man need be humiliated by the simple checking of his accounts; that it requires a checking of every other officer or employe in its service who handles its funds; that this system of auditing the accounts of all of its agents is a plain business proposition, which is in vogue in all conservative and properly managed business organizations, and it is necessary not only for the proper handling of its revenue, but in order to comply with the requirements of the law. The attention of the committee has been called to the fact that under the Federal law as construed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, a Railroad Company is required to exhaust every means at its command to see to it that the proper and accurate amount is collected from every passenger or shipper who uses its road. They have been advised that so far as the freight shipments are concerned, the accounts of agents are checked for the purpose of showing the amount received and paid in to the company, and to show that the correct tariff rates have been applied; that these checks are made not only by the company, but by the Interstate Commerce Commission at certain periods, and that the company is required to correct any accidental discrepancies that may be discovered in these checks by repaying any overcharges, and by suing for any undercharge, if that be necessary. Their attention has further been called to the fact that the penalty imposed upon the company for irregularity in the proper assessment and payment of passenger fares is a fine of $5,000, and that the penalty imposed upon any agent of the company for an overcharge or undercharge, or departure from the tariff rate is $5,000 with possible imprisonment. For these reasons the company asserts that the system proposed is a business necessity due to the character of its business, and the law which governs it.

"Another objection made by the committee was that the White audit system involved a check by persons other than the employes of this company. In reply to this, the company called the committee's attention to the fact that its treasurer, its auditor and its comptroller were all checked and their accounts audited by experts who were employed by an independent corporation engaged in the business of expert accounting, and that by adopting this system, it was enabled to secure the services of trained experts in this work who were secured and furnished by a reputable corporation, which was similar to the corporation that audited the general accounts of its treasurer and other higher officials.

"The other principal objection urged by the men at the hearings had was that the system as originally proposed did not furnish them with actual checkable evidence of the number of passengers on their trains, because of the fact that certain forms of transportation were examined and punched, and not lifted by the conductor. To meet this objection, Circular No. 34 was issued, which provided that as to all passengers of this character, the conductor need not furnish a ticket or coupon, but that his account as embodied in a simple memorandum or record would be accepted by the company as cuccuable evidence of the number of such passengers for which he is accountable.

"Further objection was made by the committee because they stated that at certain points on the road where a large number of passengers were accustomed to take the train for a short ride, it would be impossible for the conductor to complete the record or get it in such shape as to make the check while attending to his other duties. To meet this, instructions were issued by the company that no check would be made on such crowded portions of the road. In addition to this, assurances have been given to the conductors that no check will be made at times when their other and paramount duties interfered.

"The foregoing practically covers the objections specifically made in the conferences. In response to repeated request from the officers of the company for specific objections, the chairman of the conductors' committee, on January 29, presented, for the first time, a list of questions as to the operation of the system which he desired answered by the company. The list of questions propounded, with their answers, was as follows:

"1. Where will the traveling auditor accost the conductor when he desires to audit the train?

"It is impracticable to designate any particular point.

"2. Will there be a prescribed form of phrases to be employed by the traveling auditor to eliminate ostentation?

"No prescribed form of phrases need be employed, but the auditor is instructed to avoid attracting the attentions of the passengers if practicable.

"3. If for any reason the conductor informs the traveling auditor he is unable to check at once after the traveling auditor makes his request, will the position of the train at the time be considered as a factor in support of the conductor's contention?

"Yes.

"4. Where the application of the half-fare comes in question will the information the conductor receives from the child's parents be sufficient?

"We expect conductors to continue to use discretion and judgment with reference to this particular matter, making every effort to conform to the rules, and protect the company's revenue. The final decision of the conductor as to the age of the child will be accepted by the auditor.

"5. In case discrepancy arises between the traveling auditor and the conductor will the number of passengers aboard when the check was conducted, the form of transportation, length of train and liability of errors be considered?

"Yes.

"6. Will the conductor be allowed to select the place aboard the train where the check orders shall be complied with?

"Yes. The auditor is now instructed to make the check in the baggage car or some other inconspicuous place which will not attract the attention of passengers. If the conductor desires to have check made at any particular place on the train his wishes will be complied with, provided such check is not made in the hearing of passengers.

"7. Will the traveling auditors state to the conductor when they request the check between what points they have checked the train?

"Yes, if the information is requested by the conductor.

"8. Will form 224 1-2 be eliminated?

"No, not at the present time.

"9. When a conductor begins checking with traveling auditor will he finish check regardless of other duties?

"No; safety of trains and proper care of passengers must be his first consideration.

"10. All branch lines be checked before the company is prepared for a general check where branch lines are confronted with the same conditions that exist on main line in regard to junction and transfer points?

"Instructions under circular 34 will cover branch lines in the same manner as main line.

"11. Will the company agree that no conductor shall be held to account for any discrepancies between the traveling auditor and conductor until such time as the transportation is so arranged that the conductors shall at all times be protected?

"Under the present regulations the conductor is at all times protected. You have been repeatedly advised that the officers of this company will judge all cases of disagreement that may arise between the auditor and conductor and will pass upon such questions fairly, on the merits of each case. If the company finds a reasonable doubt as to the correct decision to be made, the conductor shall be given the benefit of the doubt.

"12. Will the company agree to eliminate form 224 with the exception of the cash fare part of it?

"Not at this time. The committee has been assured that this particular matter is being investigated with a vie wof eliminating any reports that the company feels may be eliminated without detriment to its interests.

"13. Will the company agree to an audit system conducted by its bona-fide employes?

"It is our intention to give the present system of auditing our trains a fair and impartial trial before giving consideration to any other method.

"These answers were apparently satisfactory to the committee with the exception of 12 and 13. As to question 12, the company had previously advised the committee that an investigation was then being made with a view of curtailing as much as possible the clerical work of the conductors. An affirmative answer to question 13 would necessitate an abandonment of the White audit system, and the company's right to direct the conduct of its own business, which it is not willing to concede. It was therefore answered in the negative.

"It is believed that this statement of the facts in connection with this matter will make it clear that the company has no desire or intention of imposing burdensome regulations upon its men, but that its only purpose is to apply to all employes who handle its funds, the same business principle —of auditing and checking their accounts.

"J. R. KENLY,
"President.

"Wilmington, February 7, 1916."

STATEMENTS BY CONDUCTORS.

Fayetteville Correspondent Says That Situation Is Grave.

(By Asa Biggs.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 8. — In order to determine the real grievance which conductors on the Atlantic Coast Line hold against the White Auditing System, recently introduced on this road and about which much has been said lately, your correspondent has secured interviews with several highly representative conductors of the main line of this road, and has secured a pretty definite account of the whole affair. The conductors admit the situation is grave.

One of the conductors, who has not been quoted before, said yesterday that unless the White System was removed by the 13th of this month, that he felt safe in predicting that the O. R. C. would order a walk out.

"However," he added, "I do not believe it will be necessary for this to be done, because it is very probable that as soon as the Coast Line realizes what it has done, it will remove the system. I do not blame the officials of the road, for they have only taken Mr. White, of Chicago, who has inaugurated the system, at his word, and put the new auditing system in effect. As soon as the road realizes that its men will not submit to it I have every reason to believe that it will be removed."

"Explain the White system," your correspondent asked him, to which he replied:

"The White system differs from the old auditing system, inasmuch as the conductor never knows when there is an auditor on board his train. At the end of the run, or wherever the auditor leaves the train, he gives the conductor a slip, showing how many fares have ridden on the train, and also examines the conductor's tickets, to see that he has collected every fare.

"Now everyone that knows anything at all about a conductor's job knows that it is impossible to collect all the fares. Some will get by, no matter how cautious the conductor is. These fares are not excusable, for under the White System, the conductor is held responsible for the fare. You can at once see the injustice to the conductors in this," he concluded.

One conductor who has seen thirty years on more of service on the Atlantic Coast Line, stated:

"For 30 years I have served this road faithfully. I have not saved up anything for my children, and now the road that I have worked for practically all my life puts spies behind me to try and find out something that will damage the only thing I have to hand down to my children—my reputation."

Tears were in this old fellow's eyes while he talked.

Other conductors seen all have about the same thing to say. None of them are willing to continue work unless the White System is removed, and your correspondent has secured sufficient information from a number of the conductors to feel safe in predicting that when the final vote is taken on the 13th of this month, provided the White System is not removed, the conductors will be ordered to stop work.

Conductors passing through here declare that the whole force of A. C. L. conductors is practically unanimous in favor of a walk out, provided the system is not removed.

GETTING IN SHAPE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

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met today will continue their meetings here tomorrow.

Another meeting of the committee on arrangements will be held in New York city in about six weeks Mr. McCombs said. Early in May this committee will open permanent headquarters in St. Louis with J. Bruce Kremer, ofMontana, in charge.

A. C. L. EARNINGS.

Returns for December Indicative of Recovery of Business in South.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—The substantial character of the recovery in business in the South, says the Baltimore Sun, is well illustrated by the returns made by the Atlantic Coast Line for December. Gross was $3,292,000, a gain of nearly $320,000, while the net was $1,343,000, or more than $346,000 better than for December, 1914. The lessons of economy and husbanding of resources has been taught the management, just as it has been learned by all the Southern roads. The shares of this system have not been widely distributed and hence there has been very little trading in them, but they hold well nearly all the gains made since last March, when the stock sold just under par.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Navy Department officials said tonight permission had been given for the collier Sterling, which sails from Norfolk next week with supplies for American war vessels in Mediterranean waters, to carry medicines and 80,000 pounds of matzoth for war sufferers in the Holy Land. Secretary Daniels agreed to allow the collier to be used for that purpose, provided she had space aboard for the additional cargo, and it is expected there will be plenty of room.

ROCKY MOUNT MEN TO CALL AT WHITE HOUSE TODAY.

To Invite the President to Speak at That City on Trip.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge and J. W. Hines, of Rocky Mount, are here to invite President Wilson to stop at that place should he make a trip South to inform the people on preparedness, Congressman Pou will take the two North Carolinans to the White House tomorrow when a formal invitation will be extended the President.

The President told Representative Pou some time ago that if he decided to make a trip into the South he would make at least one stop in his district and that either Raleigh or Rocky Mount would be the place honored. He will probably tell the visitors tomorrow whether he has given up the hope of making another swing around the circuit. It is believed that he has abandoned the idea. P. R. A.

GERALDINE FARRAR MARRIED.

Wedding at Home of Her Parents, in New York Yesterday.

New York, Feb. 8. — Geraldine Farrar, opera singer, and Lou Tellegen, actor, were married here at noon today at the home of Miss Farrar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Farrar. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Leon A. Harvey, secretary at the Unitarian Denominational headquarters in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Tellegen plan to visit Hawaii and Japan at the close of their respective theatrical seasons.

AGED COLORED WOMAN SHOT.

Bullet Fired Into Back While She Worked in Yard.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 8.—Tonight at 7:40 Martha Blackwood, an old colored woman of high character, while engaged in removing clothes from a line in the yard at her home near the union station, was shot by some unknown person, the ball from a pistol entering her back and passing through one lung.

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WOOD FOR SALE — REAL DRY, SEA-soned pine, $1.00; mixed with oak, $1.25; all oak, $1.35. Cut for stove. Big loads delivered in the city. 'Phone 1914. fe9-1t*

OPPORTUNITY — A BEAUTIFUL NEW house, built for much less than you could build it for, is offered at cost price. The lot is splendidly located; 13th and Chestnut streets, Winona Terrace; large and beautiful. The price and terms are most attractive. Let us talk to you about this. J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents. fe9-1t

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SHAD, SHAD — SPECIAL FOR THIS week. White shad and trout. Fresh roe. R. C. Fergus, 'Phone 1837. fe9-2t*

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HANOVER INN — WRIGHTSVILLE Beach. A popular, widely known summer resort hotel of forty rooms is offered for sale. The price and terms are reasonable. For full information, see J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents, Wilmington, N. C. fe9-1t

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WE WILL FRENCH DRY CLEAN ties for 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen. Send us yours by parcel post. We pay return charges on quantities of one dozen or more. We guarantee absolute satisfaction. Columbia Laundry & Cleaning Co., Dep't B, Greensboro, N. C. fe8-3t

FOUND — YALE LOCK KEY. OWNER can get same at Star office by paying for this advertisement. fe8-1t

MULE FOR SALE — HEAVY, SUIT-able for plowing or logging. Sound. Independent Ice Co. fe8-2t

WANTED—MALE AND FEMALE canvassers to sell the Shomescope. Something new. Just out. Sells in every home. Big pay. Write for sample. Address Lock Box 112, Richmond, Va. fe 6-su-we-st-3t

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MR. FARMER — SELL US YOUR peas. V. B. Sharpe, Maxton, N. C. de24-f,su,w-30t

DAFFODILS—3 DOZEN FOR 50 CTS. Fresh Wednesdays and Fridays. Order ahead. Phone 1897-J. fe 5-sa-su-we-fr-4t

WANTED — COMPETENT SALES-men, calling on furniture stores, grocers, jewelers and general stores, to handle remunerative side line. Quick selling merchandise, including premium specialties; sold by photographs. Address "Importer," No. 32 South Howard street, Baltimore, Md. fe7-m,w,su-2t

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JUST BOUGHT, A BANKRUPT STOCK of solid gold jewelry, such as cameos, brooches, lavallieres, watch bracelets and diamonds. Can save you from forty to fifty per cent. on same at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop; No. 6 South Front street; 'Phone 642. ja11-tf

PHONE YOUR ORDERS FOR MAGA-zines and newspapers to 745. Gordon Bros. 17 Princess St. fe 14-tf

NEW SERIES OPENS MARCH 4, 1916, at 210 Princess street, Brooklyn Building and Loan Association. G. H. Heyer, President; Herbert McClammy, Attorney; Geo. B. Applewhite, Secretary and Treasurer. We want you as a stockholder. fe6-tf

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FOR RENT — THIRD FLOOR, OVER Woodall and Shepard's. Apply Woodall and Shepard's. ja11-tf

SPECIAL FOR ONE WEEK — LOG Cabin syrup, small, 9 cents, 3 for 25 cents; large size, 22 cents; 5 cent sardines, 7 for 25 cents; Caraja coffee, 25 cents a can; Libby's dressing, 25 cent bottle, 20 cents; pure olive oil, 15 cent size, 9 cents. And a full line of delicatessen at May Bros., 24 North Front street. Phone 1322. fe 5-tf

'PHONE 717 AND GET IT DONE FOR less. Men's suits pressed, 25 cents; ladies' suits pressed, 50 cents. We do dry cleaning and steam cleaning. Good work and quick service. Brinson's Pressing Club, 114 Princess st. fe7-4t

WANTED — AT ONCE, CAPABLE man, with saw mill about 5,000 capacity, to saw pine and hard wood. Logs furnished to mill and lumber taken off trucks at roller bench. Pay day every two weeks. Located on railroad. Man must be honest and capable and appreciate honest treatment. Address P. O. Box 102, Wilmington, N. C. fe8-6t*

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